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AND YET SOMEHOW WE'RE STILL HERE, DOING THIS...

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REVISED REALITY A USGS sea level rise inundation map has been changed to a "water sports opportunity zone" map. USGS-AF IMAGE

City Council redesignates Humboldt Bay 'Gulf of Arcata'

Snorgent Squizzdribble
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 — According to a Kingdom of Arcata news release, Humboldt Bay has been re-named the "Gulf of Arcata" in all official documents. The announcement is just one of a set of changes bending Arcata's values with those of the federal government, its increasingly ruthless purse-string puppeteer.

"Once we saw the new Gulf of America and the American Ocean, we knew which way the wind was blowing — across the sparkling waters of the Gulf of Arcata," said a news release. "This will keep the city off the feds' radar, the administration off our back and the grants flowing — for America, by jingo!" Boaters will soon be able to glide across the gulf and dock at the new, full-featured Arcata Harbor (see story, below).



MED STOP The Arcata Chamber of Commerce, City Council, CVS Health and other dignitaries cut the ribbon on "Big Ben," the Plaza's newest and largest Little Free Pharmacy. UNION PHOTO

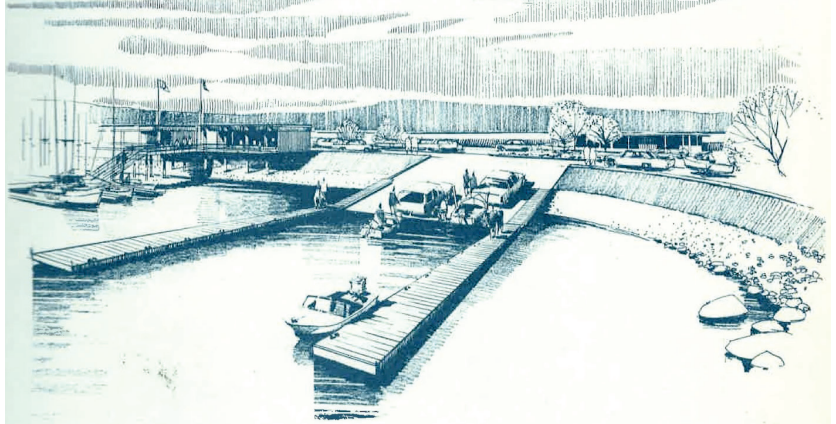
'Little Free Pharmacies' get high usage

Lori Azepam
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 — Hoping to get in on the Little Free Library craze, Arcata and CVS Health have joined forces to bring medication to the masses. New "Little Free Pharmacies" (LFPs) are popping up around

town, their contents tailored to neighborhood needs. The self-serve = kiosks have proven exceedingly popular downtown, especially on the Plaza. There, a half-dozen of the pert LFPs dot the grassy area, their variety of medications providing instant relief for those suffering from pain, depression or even just boredom.

"For a long time, some in the community have advocated for a pillory to be installed on the Plaza — now instead, we have a pillery!" quipped Al Prazolam, CVS vice-edgelord of imaginary initiatives. "We're proud to bring meds to the masses." The public medicine cabinets are packed with everything from LFPs ❖ PAGE A2

Arcata's bug-infested swamp becoming boat harbor



CEMENTING THE DEAL Lots of fresh new concrete will coat the area presently swarmed by totally naked, illiterate beasts. IMAGE VIA JOHN A BLUME AND ASSOCIATES, ENGINEERS

Cementa Dubiosa
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 — Taking advantage of the new federally-declared Water Sports Opportunity Zone, Arcata has dusted off 1960s-vintage plans to develop a new harbor complex at what is now the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

"If you've ever realized that the one thing the Marsh really needed was a decent liquor store, we have good news!" declared Arcata Minister of Unhindered Development Newt Nerdleberg. "What is *doesn't* need is all those unemployed animals and crawly things. Turns out the place is completely infested with bugs!" The Arcata Small Craft Harbor plans are based on a 1968-vintage engineering and economic feasibility study by John A. Blume and Associates, Engineers, for the City of Arcata. The project will be funded by the new administration's "Drain the Swamp" program. HARBOR ❖ PAGE A4

New 'Point and Laugh' Committee mocks failures



HA HA, LOSER! Failed entrepreneur Jane Jimson is subjected to constructive humiliation outside her defunct business. UNION PHOTO

Rance Clankypants
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 — The Arcata Chamber of Commerce is always Johnny-on-the-spot with ribbon cutting ceremonies to help launch new businesses. Now, the Chamber's new Point and Laugh Committee is there to close the loop when the start-up inevitably shuts down. "When your dreams take a dive, we'll be there to high-five," quipped Committee Chair Purvis Gerbilton. "Your miserable failure will inspire others not to be such a huge loser, like you!" The reverse-incentive model has proven effective in averting business closures elsewhere, said consultant Perry Parasite. "No one wants to be on the business end of a bunch of pointed fingers." Like many local shops that open without any semblance of a business plan, entrepreneur Jane Jimson's dream of meeting local demand for night-wear for raccoons and opossums inexplicably fell to grief last week, leaving her weeping in her shuttered H Street storefront's alcove. "Ha ha!" cackled committeemembers.

TANK-TOWER GOES MFH



TOWER OF TEMU Cingular Wireless has given the already delightful faux water tank/cell tower on the Arcata Bottom a big, beautiful upgrade with a stylish Modern Farmhouse treatment. Above, a technician tends the Foster Avenue tower landscaping. Showing Bottoms' ranchers how the farm vibe is really done, the antenna complex now sports subway tile, inspiring cladding and is topped by a watering can cannabis bouquet. UNION PHOTO

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Huuuuge blackberry pie pit empurples Westhaven, two arrested

Lloyd Devoid
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WESTHAVEN, APRIL 1 – County environmental officials, citizens and Westhaven Police officers last week converged on a stupefying sight last week – hundreds, even thousands of blackberry pies tossed into an open-air pit.

The discovery was immediately identified as a gross violation of the Pie Density Act of 1841, an obscure statute enforced by goon squads

from the Bureau of Weights and Measures.

Through interagency cooperation, DNA testing, consultation with spirit mediums and use of commercial satellite reconnaissance photography, plus an ankle-deep crumb trail, the pit of blackberry despair’s origins were traced back to the Westhaven Fire Hall.

There, a deeply purple-stained-Edna Thimble and Beatrice Bertrille were found energetically toiling amid towering stacks of blackberry pies, churning out ever more of them even as a Sysco truck unload-

ed fresh pallet loads of berries and tubs of Crisco out front.

“We’ve been at it for a week,” said a frazzled Thimble, gesturing at her frenzied fellow pie lady, seen wielding her rolling pin with a white-knuckle grip. “Beatrice says rolling dough has never seemed so fascinating, so necessary, so important!”

The pie-obsessed pair were eventually pried from the kitchen and placed in custody for the illegal dumping. Westhaven officials then covered over the enormous pit, sealing it with a thick mantle of vanilla ice cream.



PIE PILE Approximately seven tons of blackberry pies filled the pit discovered last week. UNION FILE PHOTO



DTF seeks help finding missing meth

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WESTHAVEN, APRIL 1 – The Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) is seeking the public’s help in locating a lost item used in K-9 drug detection training.

The item, a faux sack of flour loaded with crystal meth, was being used to train new drug dog Jitters, with typical household items in which drugs were concealed

placed around the Westhaven Fire Hall for the pooch to sniff out and alert on.

“Drug dealers typically hide their narcotics in ordinary-looking objects you find around the house,” said Deputy Link Dingleton. “Unfortunately, we left this sack of top-grade, white methamphetamine powder behind last week.”

Anyone finding the secret sack o’ speed is asked to contact authorities.

Drunken Fly Ball rages over seasonal employment as gal-pal Saucy quits him

Nils Bilgebulge
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Slumped on a stool at Everett’s, normally perky Humboldt Crabs-season imp Fly Ball isn’t having the best off season. While his usual mood swings run from zany to zannier, the quirkily emblem is down in the dumps – way down – and a steady stream of gin fizzzes and whiskey sours aren’t measurably lifting his two-dimensional spirits.



Fly Ball
Buzzed and peeved at Everett’s

bles, waving imperiously for more pretzels. “I do, oh yeah – *I sure do*. You don’t hear much from Pluggie any more, do you? Think that’s an accident? And here’s the thing, – I know everything he knew. Everything! We spent a *lot* of time together. So if I just... oh, I don’t know... *disappear* like Pluggie did, it’s all coming out!”

“The newspaper was no nicer with their BS contest,” Ball brayed. “Did I get any Kinetic Koffee or Finnish Country Sauna passes? *Hell no!*”

Contacted while embedded in an undisclosed April Fool ad, former associate Saucy Snowflake ruled out any reconciliation with her surly former swain.

“He’s changed,” Snowflake said, mascara running as she fought back tears. “Being with Fly, riding high at the Ball Park with the Crabs at bat – that was a real buzz!”



Saucy Snowflake
‘It’s splitsville’

But once the season was over, so, she said, was their torrid, print mascot-on-print mascot affair.

“It was like flipping a switch,” she said. “All her did was sit around, drinking and moping.”

Though Ball clearly had the sads, Snowflake’s urging Ball to seek counseling for seasonal affective disorder was ignored.

“He’d rather sulk,” she said.

“Going from A-list celeb to D-list nobody, year in and year out, can take a toll on a fly – even a superfly,” observed noted celebrity insect psychologist Wanda Windbigler.

Arcata forges new Kabul connection

Regis Egregious
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ARCATA/KABUL – After months of careful deliberation, Arcata City Council has proudly unveiled its newest sister city: Kabul, the capital of Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

Kabul is a vibrant city that has existed for 3,500 years. Kabul is located in a mountain range at an elevation of 5,873 feet, making it one of the highest cities in the world.

“But it isn’t as high as Arcata!” exclaimed plazoid Sap Smith, a sophomore at Cal Poly Humboldt who uses they/them pronouns. “I hope I get to visit someday, as soon as I can convince my parents to buy me a plane ticket.”

Smith revealed that though they study Political Science, they could not point to Afghanistan on a map.

Arcatans will be pleased to learn that after peacekeeping U.S. and NATO military forces withdrew from the country in 2021, Kabul is now occupied by the Taliban.

“We chose Kabul as our sister city due to shared values,” stated City Councilmember Heather Longbranch in an interview. “We admire their progressive feminist and inclusive approach to governance.”

In Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, women are banned from receiving education, showing their faces in public, and traveling more than 45 miles without a male chaperone. Women are also banned from speaking loudly or laughing in public, wearing high-heeled shoes, or appearing at public gatherings of any kind.

Critics have called the Taliban’s policies “misogynistic” and “barbaric,” but Taliban representatives insist these accusations are just Western propaganda.

The Taliban instituted Sharia law in Afghanistan, a legal framework derived from the Quran that is interpreted differently across the many Muslim-majority countries. Punishments for breaking Sharia law include public flogging or amputation of one or both hands.

Sharia law has found an unexpected home in Arcata, where residents are known for their progressive values and passionate commitment to social justice.

While some feared conflict between Arcata’s free-spirited culture and the strict moral codes enforced by the Taliban, locals have discovered surprising points of alignment.

“We were worried at first,” admitted Longbranch, “But it turns out both groups believe in strong community rules – whether it’s banning plastic straws or mandating full-body coverage for women. Some say our no-genitals exposed dress code is equivalent to a burka mandate anyway.”

In a heartwarming display of compromise, Arcata activists recently proposed replacing parking tickets with public beatings, arguing it would reduce paper waste.

Said one progressive activist, “We hope that this resolution announcing Kabul as our sister city brings peace between our two worlds- Arcata’s democratically elected all-female City Council and the all-male Taliban.”

STINGY SALT FEST Stricken by a severe funding shortfall, the Manila Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Salt Lick Festival will be a minimalist affair this year, according to Director Mabel Mallort. “Pretzels, mixed nuts, Chex Mix – all that is nice, if you have unlimited funding,” she said. “This year, we’re just setting out some blocks of salt and a deer lick in Manila Park. Also, it’s bring your own beer, LaCroix or whatever.”

LFPs | Quick access to meds proves popular

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Band-Aids to routine remedies for colds and flu. Though tiny, the LFPs boast a minimal but substantial array of nostrums, depending on the neighborhood.

The LFPs are being closely monitored for usage, and what types of meds are most popular in different areas. Low- and middle-income suburbs tend to go for everyday

medicine cabinet supplies – aspirin, various tonics and liniments – while more affluent areas tend to deplete the LFPs’ selection of alternative medicine items such as immune boosters, detox and anti-aging treatments.

Downtown though, where sentiments seem to run toward the nervous at times, LFP users tend to fancy the more calming agents within.



KIDDIECEUTICALS
A prototype of a child-friendly Little Free Pharmacy, now being tested in local schoolyards. UNION PHOTO

“We test marketed ‘Sackler Sachets’ full of opioids and they were quite popular,” Prazolam said. “Too much so – we found that they... let’s just say they ‘eroded the customer base.’”

“It was a real downer,” he quipped sordidly. “Get it? Get it?”

Because of that, the company has stocked the Plaza’s LFPs exclusively with Benzodiazepines, and lots of them. Last week’s ribbon cutting unveiled the biggest benzo dispenser yet.

“We call it ‘Big Ben’,” Prazolam said.

The new resource couldn’t come a moment too soon for downtown LFP user Otto Taperoff, who tossed back a handful of the little helpers as soon as the dignitary-clogged area was cleared.

“I tried one of those detox treatments and it didn’t do nothing,” Taperoff complained. “I just want the

‘tox’ part, I guess,” He event tried crossing out the “De” on the package, but still, nothing happened.

An Arcata Police spokesman confirmed the positive impact of the dispensers dotting downtown, noting a 93 percent reduction in calls for service that has allowed officers to finally catch up on their knitting.

“Our new nickname for the Plaza is ‘Sea of Tranq-quility,” the APD spokesman joked.

Given the success of the LFPs, a kids’ version is being tested in area school playgrounds to help children prepare for adulthood. The smaller, child-friendly cabinets are decorated with fanciful depictions of brightly colored, dancing pills and capsules.

Don’t worry though – the “Li’l Poppers Pill Houses” don’t offer any narcotics. “That would be irresponsible,” Prazolam affirmed.

Instead, the kiddie LFPs offer chocolate cigarettes and candies in the shape of popular pills, plus fruit-flavored treats in the shape of detergent pods and assorted cap-gun revolvers.

The innovation doesn’t stop there. To meet burgeoning demand in the downtown area, the Public Works Department is working to modify an industrial-capacity seed sprayer to broadcast thousands of pills of various types across the Plaza lawn three times a day.

Specific formulations are now being worked out using a focus group of Plazagoers contained in a large pen down at the city Corp Yard.

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New business closes gratitude gap

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HUMBOLDT, APRIL 1 – If you're grateful but forgetful, indebted but distracted, busy but side-tracked, thankful but tied up elsewhere, a new start-up is here to deliver the gratitudinal goods.

Agnes and Eustace Yeasterly, professional thankers at Gratitudinous. UNION PHOTO



When Tye City's only Fotomat drive-thru went up in flames recently, the Arcata Fire District responded to the filmy inferno, but they weren't alone. A blaze of that scale demanded mutual aid from other area firefighters as detailed in AFD's subsequent news release.

"We'd like to thank Blue Lake, Fairhaven and Eureka Fire for their assistance," the district announced.

That left Fairhaven Fire Commander Nelson Griddle expecting a phone call... which never came.

"Maybe they're writing a

thank-you letter," he thought. "That could take a few days."

But no call, no letter, no carrier pigeon, no skywriting ever delivered the thanks AFD said they'd "like" to offer.

The follow-through failure plunged Griddle and his fire-fighting staff into deep introspection, wondering what they did wrong.

"They said they wanted to thank us," he said, staring at the telephone, his eyes brimming with tears.

But now, the hollow void Griddle and others feel can be filled with next to no effort – just by calling the caring professionals at Gratitudinous.

The new startup, located in the Cooper Building, is the brainchild of Agnes and Eustace Yeasterly, who answer the phone with "Thank You!"

"Just tell us who you want to thank and how effusively, and we'll swing into action," Agnes

said. "We can deliver a crisp, tidy note, or go all out with a brass band and confetti drop."

So popular has the service proven, it is expanding with new features.

When the Board of Supervisors recently declared that county road workers "should be commended," many wondered why a commendation was recommended but never delivered.

"Got ya covered," said Eustace, loading a sheaf of elaborately bordered, blank certificates into a laser printer. "Commendations aplenty, coming right up!"

While the pair had toyed with the names "Thankers for Wankers," and "Commenders for Slackers," they decided to stick with Gratiutidinous. "It sounds more organic," Agnes reasoned.

A new AI-based system is in testing, one that should help to keep the peace around town.

"Any time you get more than 10 Arcata people in one room, there are going to be at least a few that share some negative history," Agnes said. "Our GrudgeTrak system will help you keep track of your grudges, rivalries, blocks and restraining orders."

Using a combination of proximity sensors and shock collars, GrudgeTrak will deliver a timely jolt to the neck whenever a user gets within 30 feet of a detested rival, signaling them to make a hasty U-turn.



RESTORING NATIVE FAUNA The Department of Fish and Wildlife is excited to announce the start of its new Tick Enhancement Program, a pilot project that will begin in McKinleville's Heartwood Subdivision. "We're going to restore McKinleville's landscape and make it like it was before they built all those houses," District One Director Benny Hills. "We're going to bring back the ticks, which are natural." Residents have volunteered to host high-tech tick breeding boxes in their backyards. Each box, pre-loaded with romantically involved, highly committed, lusty tick couples, can produce about 2,000 baby ticklings in late spring.

Public Works seals portal to Hell

Wilberforce Wagyu
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McKINLEYVILLE, APRIL 1 – A deep crack in the Earth released the wrath of Hell on Hiller Road near Ashdown Avenue last week.

"This was a tough one," said Roads Superintendent Zelda Zoolander. "Our guys had to battle everything from caustic sulphur vapors to marauding winged demons just to lay in some asphalt," she said.

The rupture in the Earth's crust didn't just harsh Hiller's mellow for a couple of days.

Officials said it looks like the crack had been around for decades, possi-



INFERNAL FISSURE The crack in the Earth, above, released all kinds of sulphurous gasses and bad energy. Once covered, below left, everyone's attitude improved. UNION FILE PHOTO



bly since the 1950s, slowly releasing a hellborne malignance, infernal mias-

ma and just plain bad vibes across the land.

"No wonder everyone is in such a sour-ass mood these days," Zoolander opined. "We've been snorting evil fumes from the abyss for several decades now."

On covering the conduit to concentrated evil with some scrap plywood, good cheer pervaded an expanding sphere of positive energy expanding out from the work site, with crowds of citizens bursting from their homes to link arms and sing happy George Harrison songs in the streets.

WHY ARE BOOMERS SO... YOU KNOW... THAT WAY? Those endeavoring to understand the behavior of Baby Boomers are invited to a talk at the Sequoia Conference Center titled "Boomers – Adorable, Insufferable or Maybe Just Aliens?" The talk will examine why why why Boomers insist on providing exact change at the supermarket checkstand, methodically searching their pants pockets for one more penny, oblivious to the piercing glares of customers with frozen food in their hands in the backed-up checkout line, among other infuriating topics. The talk is sponsored by the Area 51 Agency on Aging and Meepzor Driving School, and is hosted by Merle and Beryl Purgathofer-Weinberger, co-authors of *Close Encounters with Boomers and Beyond*.



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Feeding on the dead for longer life

There is so much news coming out of Washington, D.C. these days that it wouldn't be surprising if you failed to notice that one of the recent findings that the USDA has published is that eating ectoplasm can lengthen your life.

That's right, when you find the right spiritual medium who can conjure up your longest living but now dead relative and bring their ectoplasm into the room, if you capture it, you too can ingest those life lengthening cells!

The key to capturing the ectoplasm is what looks like fake food from the 1950s but is actually wonderfully good for you: gelatin. That's right, the French call it aspic, us Americans call it Jell-O!

Steer clear of the fake colored stuff and buy the natural version (if you are vegetarian) or embrace the vintage version and buy true gelatin, made from ground up animals.

In my versions, beet powder and spinach powder made the ectoplasm more fun to look at and thus more appetizing, but trapping your ancestor's essence is the main ingredient. Without that, you're just eating goo!

Ectoplasm Molds of Life
Makes two small molds

2, one-ounce packets of gelatin
½ cup cold water, divided
1 ½ cups boiling water, divided into ¾ cup each
Food coloring (optional) ¼ teaspoon
2 small bundt pan molds
Saucers to cover the molds completely

Ectoplasm

Before the seance, prepare the gelatin by adding ¼ cup cold water to each bundt pan and then sprinkling one gelatin packet in each; it will absorb quickly and turn to a thick gel.

Pour in the boiling water into each mold and stir to combine. Add food coloring at this point if you are using it, and stir well. Chill for 30 minutes so liquid doesn't slosh around when you bring it to the seance table.

Place filled molds on the seance table and pray the right ancestor appears. When and if they do, entice them to eat some of the gelatin and trap some of their ectoplasm in the mold by clapping a saucer on top. Once the ectoplasm is trapped, keep the saucer lid tightly on top and move to the refrigerator and chill for at least three hours.

Unmold, eat, and feel your cells enlivening!
Hugs!



Pooch pizza par-tay after hours at the shelter

When the shelter staff arrived to open up last Saturday morning, something seemed amiss. There were the familiar welcoming barks, the beep of the night alarm, and the usual kennel smells. But there were some other unfamiliar smells.

Burgers? Pizza? And who left those toys out in the hallway? Maybe it was just a busy Friday afternoon and there wasn't time to pick up a few scattered items. A late-working Animal Control officer heating up leftovers from the staff fridge, perhaps?

There were lots of food bowls to get ready though, so no time to worry about



What's this about a TP party? Um... well.... oh look – squirrel!



When the hoomans are away, it's A Night At the Shelter.
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strange was going on!

About that time, one of the staff went off to use the restroom and came back with a report of unmistakable doggy shenanigans – toilet paper strewn throughout the bathroom! The shelter manager was called and video footage was pulled up. Everything seemed normal for an hour or two after the staff went home.

About three hours in, Copper, one of the dogs in an overflow room, slowly pushed his door open and peered around the corner. He seemed to be checking for humans, and finding none he crossed the hall and let his neighbor Zelda out.

Together they raced through the halls, activating the lights and pulling toys out of the play room and treats off the carts. The first dog they freed was a smart little cattle dog who had no trouble figuring out the phones and ordering the pizzas.

After that kennels were opened right and left and play groups were formed around the building. One group of young dogs headed for the bathrooms

to work on toilet paper, another pulled out tennis balls for chasing in the hallways. Some of the older dogs searched out extra blankets and bedding for making their kennels extra comfy.

Clearly, they had all been making notes on their daily walks past the toys, the treats and the laundry room. Around nine o'clock pizzas appeared over the back fence and the party moved to the courtyard.

As midnight approached, even the most energetic young dogs were ready for bed and like the asylum residents in "The King of Hearts," everyone returned to their kennels, tired but happy.

Copper and Zelda dragged the toys back to the play room and pushed garbage into the trash cans. They had covered almost all the bases but forgot about the toilet paper potty party.

Before saying goodnight, they gave each other a congratulatory butt sniff, nudged their respective rooms open and settled in for a well-earned nap.

Harbor

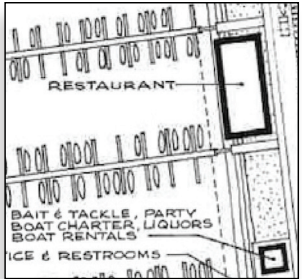
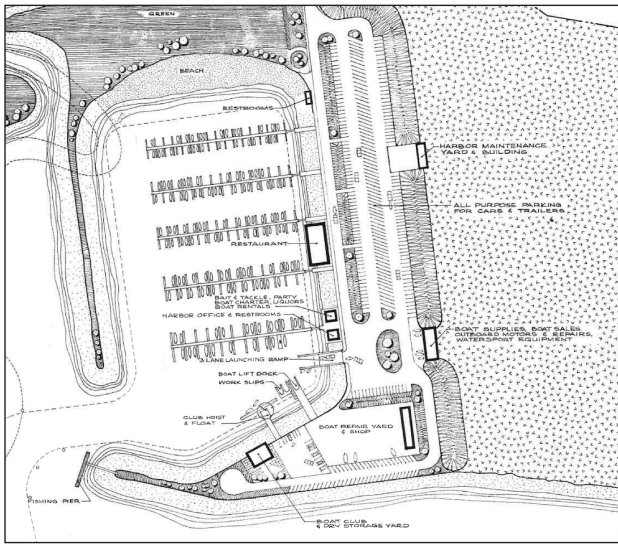
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Nerdleberg said the project reflects Arcata's ongoing efforts at historic preservation, with the area around Mt. Trashmore being returned to industrial/commercial use.

Once the area is sterilized, a vast new marina and support facilities will be installed in Klopp Lake.

"Can you believe Arcata actually kept a huge open-air tub full of poop-water around for decades?" an administration spokesman said on Fox News. "I know it's the left Coast, but that's taking things too far!"

Where native weeds now overrun the swamp, those will be replaced



BOATING KLOPP The layout of the new marina, left, in what had been Klopp Lake. Above, detail on the restaurant, liquor store and other facilities. No kidding – this was actually proposed in 1968! SUBMITTED IMAGES

Local school mounts ambitious production

Ruben Zubinbluven
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ARCATA, APRIL 1 – Mrs. Applebaum's third-grade class at Arcata's English Ivy Elementary School invites the community to its performance this weekend of David Mamet's masterpiece, *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

The play explores a desperate two days in the lives of corrupt Chicago real estate salesmen. The children have been rehearsing the play everyday for three weeks under the direction of Mrs. Applebaum, who has encouraged her pupils to deploy Lee Strasberg's Method Acting technique in order to breath their own lived experiences into the play's characters.

"Audiences will be blown by eight-year-old Kyle Armstrong's portrayal of salesman Ricky Roma," she said. "Kyle brings an undeniable authenticity to the role." Next week, after the production is over, Kyle will be weaned off tobacco and will rediscover the joys of juice boxes and tater tots.

The show is recommended for mature audiences. Tickets are \$5 for adults, free for children under 12 and seniors are admitted on a slippery sliding scale that is inadvisable.

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PlanCo OK’s STR permit, tweaks ordinance

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – The county is using an adaptive management approach as its Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance is implemented, allowing permitted exceptions and approving amendments.

An exception to the ordinance’s STR “neighborhood concentration” threshold and amendments to the ordinance were approved at the Feb. 6 county planning commission meeting.

The exception is for a single family home in the Trinidad area.

Located on Alder Lane, a road just east of U.S. Highway 101 that serves four residences, the home has an attached garage for parking and will be initially hosted by a caretaker.

The home’s owners, Tim and Ashley Mazzanti, say they intend to eventually live there.

The ordinance limits STRs to 20 percent of a neighborhood’s residence

es and the Mazzanti STR brings the Alder Lane’s concentration to 75 percent.

But the ordinance allows flexibility under a special permit process.

Ashley Mazzanti said her family has “hopes and dreams” to live in Humboldt full-time.

Attending online from San Antonio, Texas, Tim Mazzanti said he and Ashley bought the home after visiting Humboldt for their 15th anniversary and being taken by its beauty.

“We’re not trying to turn this into a business or anything like that, it’s just really to subsidize a little bit of the cost while we figure out our next move,” he continued.

The permit also includes an exception to the ordinance’s requirement that STRs be accessed on 16-foot-wide paved roads.

Commissioner Thomas Mulder said when the ordinance was adopted, special permits were en-

visioned as a means of discretion to “protect people of the community.”

But Commissioner Peggy O’Neill noted the “need to have monthly rentals available and to not take units out of circulation for long-term residents.”

She said the project area is “one of the higher revenue-generating areas for short term rentals” and estimated annual STR income for the Mazzanti home would be in the \$60,000 to \$70,000 range.

“I’m just not going to take the face value of, ‘Oh yeah, in six months I might want to live there’ – I think there should be a limit for short-term rental because one of the main goals was to keep long-term rentals available,” O’Neill continued.

But Commission Chair Iver Skavdal said the neighborhood is made up of large parcels, two to five acres in size, and allowing STRs in areas where concentrations of them won’t have impacts “is why we created the special permit option.”

Saying “there always a little bit of a trade-off in losing potential housing stock,”

Commissioner Noah Levy said he doesn’t have concerns about impacts given the circumstances.

There’s been no public comment and Mulder said he doesn’t want to “discourage anyone from coming to Humboldt County and spending money and promoting the commerce because – I

don’t know if you’ve paid attention – it’s a little scary in Humboldt County.”

Commissioners voted to approve the permit, with O’Neill dissenting.

Also before the commission were changes to the STR ordinance.

Planning Director John Ford said the amendments are spurred by “unexpected consequences” of some of the ordinance’s rules.

One of them restricts STRs on agricultural lands to “farm stays” with the educational component of being able to experience farming operations in action.

But Ford said that makes less sense on smaller ag parcels that have a residential neighborhood scale. The change generally allows STRs on ag parcels less than five acres.

Another rule requires STR access via a Category 3 paved road with the 16-foot width.

The amendment allows the “functional equivalent” of a Category 3 road.

A third change is to the way neighborhood concentration is measured, with the amended rule requiring that an STR not be within 300 feet of another.

Skavdal wondered how common it is for someone to have an STR that close to another.

O’Neill said it happens “as soon as I find out my neighbor’s making \$70,000 a year.”

Commissioners unanimously approved the changes.

THE MCKINLEYVILLE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE meets Wednesday, March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave. in a modular building located at the rear of the campus. The meeting is also on Zoom. The meeting ID Meeting is 844 4994 7337. The passcode is 043757. Paul Craft of the California Highway Patrol will give a presentation on scooter safety and other CHP programs. The committee will also hear a presentation about the McKinleyville Family Resource Center with updates from its subcommittees.

Response to Trump order

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – On Thursday, March 20, President Donald Trump signed an executive order to begin the process of dismantling the U.S. Department of Education. So far, it is unclear how, or if, the order will impact schools in Humboldt County. Some of the department’s programs may be shifted to other departments and a complete elimination of the Department of Education would require congressional approval.

The day after the executive order, the Humboldt County Office of Education released the following statement:

The Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) is closely monitoring proposed changes to the U.S. Department of Education. While the vast majority of school funding comes from the state and is allocated through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), federal dollars remain essential for supporting Humboldt County’s vulnerable student populations.

At this time, we have no indication of changes or disruptions to federal funding for programs supporting students with disabilities or those from low-income families. Regardless of how funds are allocated, HCOE remains committed to supporting all of Humboldt County’s students in our 31 Districts and 15 Charters. We will continue to track developments as more information becomes available.

For more information on Local Control Accountability Plans, visit hcoe.org/lcap/.

Input wanted on airport plan

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Department of Aviation is updating its Airport System Plan for the six public-use airports it operates.

A major component of this study is to revise the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) for each airport. This study, required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is a planning effort which outlines potential long-term development concepts to meet the needs of each airport, its users and the surrounding communities while adhering to current FAA design standards.

To share the draft study’s initial findings, Humboldt County’s Aviation Department recently hosted four public open houses for residents and airport users to review the draft study, ask questions and provide feedback.

Public comment forms for each airport are available online on the county’s Airport System Plan Update web page and will be open for comment until Friday, March 28 at 5 p.m.

For more information on the Humboldt Airport Layout Plan Study and how to share your input please call (707) 839-5401 or email aviation@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Mattole River Camp and Retreat (MRCR), in Petrolia, California seeks an **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED)**. MRCR is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation located in Humboldt County, 50 miles southwest of Eureka in the heart of the beautiful and remote Lost Coast.

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The successful candidate should have past experience managing a nonprofit. The ED needs to reside close to the camp and we have a rental option to live on-site. Please email cover letter and resume to edsearch@mattolerivercamp.org, no later than April 15, 2025.

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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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26 Menu phrase
28 U.S.-owned island
32 Close friend
34 Record keeper
35 Gist
37 Fill with affection
39 Viking Age slave
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44 Appear (to be)
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50 Actress Sophia

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27 Murder mystery staple
29 Part of HUAC
30 Org. co-founded by Helen Keller
31 Pinochle combo
32 Pot pie tidbits
33 Initial stake
36 High-pitched
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42 Like many cookie jars
46 Tragically
47 Bullock's "Two Weeks ____"
49 Get into a stew?
51 Polish
52 Comfy spots
53 Half a soft drink?
54 Quartz variety
55 Ring
57 Time to give up?
59 Verb for you

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First 5 ❖ FROM PAGE B1

The playgroups are held in communities county-wide, including in outlying areas like Shelter Cove, Petrolia and Redway, and in response to concerns about reducing them, First 5 has encouraged people to advocate for funding from other sources.

“We’re giving them talking points, we’re giving them really fantastic data, we’re offering to go with them if they want to present to community groups to raise funds to keep playgroups going,” said Hansen. “But we’re going to need to cut playgroups in about half of the grants to communities...our hearts are breaking about needing to do that but I know your board is well aware of the fiscal realities.”

She asked supervisors to “offer support” and advice about potential resources available to their communities.

Board Chair Michelle Bushnell said her three grandchildren attended playgroups held in Blocksburg, where preschool-aged children “don’t have a lot of opportunities socially until they get into school.”

She added, “I’m so sad that we are going to be losing some playgroups, especially in the most needed areas and so I’m hopeful that maybe in the future we can find some funding.”

Supervisor Natalie Arroyo is the board’s representative on the First 5 Commission. Describing how the commission will make the difficult decisions ahead, she said “criteria” have been developed but it hasn’t been determined which playgroups will be cut.

The commission does have a general idea about that, however.

“One of the goals was to continue to fund playgroups where there is a great need, where there are few other opportunities, where there isn’t that kind of resource in the community,” Arroyo said. “So we were very cognizant of the fact that particularly for our very rural communities, this is a valuable resource everywhere but it’s a unique resource there,”

There’s “hope that we’ll also see some other partners stepping up to support playgroups, some of the host organizations and venues and things like that, so I think it’s not it’s not all bad news,” Arroyo continued, adding, “We do have to tighten our belts in the organization just as as we do with other areas of service.”

Hansen said the funding drop is no surprise – envisioning a reduction in tobacco use, the agency drafted a 10-year plan in 2015 that included shifting funding for the playgroups to community sources.

That’s turned out to be “very optimistic,” Hansen said.

But she added that the plan also envisioned First 5’s closure and Hansen said thanks to local partnerships and community organizations, “It’s a win for Humboldt County” that First 5 is still operating.

Threats | Lockdowns

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After police arrived and investigated, the lockdowns were canceled.

That afternoon, Arcata School District Superintendent Luke Biesecker posted on Facebook “Regrettably, both Arcata Elementary and Sunny Brae Middle School had to be placed on lockdown this morning due to anonymous phone call threats. I appreciate the quick and appropriate response of District staff, students, and families.

“We understand that a number of local businesses and school districts have recently received similar threats and that local law enforcement agencies are collaborating to address the situation. We appreciate the support of the Arcata Police Department in helping to assess the credibility of the threats and ensure student safety,” Biesecker wrote. “Both Arcata Elementary and Sunny Brae Middle remained open today and we are focused on ensuring the presence of increased social emotional support for students adversely impacted by the threats.”

Then, on Thursday, March 20, the process repeated itself. Arcata Elementary School received a threatening call, went into lockdown and police were called. The lockdown was again lifted.

On Wednesday,

March 19, Trinidad School received a threatening call from the same suspect and was placed on lockdown.

Trinidad School issued an alert stating “There is a person who has been making threats to multiple schools this week. They called our school and threatened to come. No one is on campus and the sheriffs are on their way to check the campus. We are taking this threat seriously.”

Grant Elementary School in Eureka also received a threatening call and went into lockdown the morning of March 19, as did Arcata High School in the afternoon.

On Friday, Pacific Union Elementary School in Arcata and Jacoby Creek School also briefly went into lockdown after receiving threatening calls.

The terror finally ended at 4 p.m. Friday, March 21 when Jones was taken into custody without incident in the 5500 block of Cache Road in the city of Lawton and was booked and lodged at the Lawton City Jail.

“The Arcata Police Department extends its gratitude to the Lawton Police Department and our regional partners for their part in bringing this matter to a resolution,” states a press release from Arcata Police.

Well-mannered, elegant, brainy Ruby, aka Sweet Pea

Happy Spring! We are enjoying more opportunities for walking in the sunshine, or at least walking without getting soaked...

One of our walking opportunities is our regular Saturday morning pack walk. It’s a great opportunity for dogs to walk with other dogs in a safe and friendly environment. The rules are simple: dogs need to be on a leash (no retractable leashes), humans need to be able to hold onto their leashes and no doggie socializing during the walk.

New participants are welcome. We even have a loaner dog or two if you’d like to join but don’t have a dog! Please email me at redwood-palsrescue@gmail.com if you’d like more details or would like to join us.

One of our regular pack walk participants is our adoptable dog Ruby, aka Sweet Pea. Sweet Pea has come out rain or shine, elegant in her purple raincoat on the drizzly days. Sweet Pea walks very nicely on her leash, minding her own business. even when one of her young playmates tries to bump up against her.

At home, Ruby has been racking up the skills that make her a real catch. Ruby is housebroken and loves her crate. She loves to eat but never counter-surfs, even though

she could easily reach the goodies she covets.

I was visiting one day when one of her fosters was decorating cookies for a class she teaches. There were trays of sugar cookies on every counter and table and Ruby did not approach a single one! (That would never happen at my house, I’m sorry to admit...)

Ruby has had no problem distinguishing between her things and the fosters’ things and does not chew on anything that is not hers. Ruby loves her toys,

plays fun games like “Find It” and has shown her smarts with puzzle toys. She has even started learning how to use talking buttons, a method for dogs to communicate with their humans Ruby knows Sit, Wait, Down, Bed, and more.

When her fosters are out of the house, she is great in her crate and will even put herself in it when she knows they are getting ready to go out. When the sun shines, her favorite place is lounging on her bed in a sunny window.

Ruby is a great snuggler! She is not allowed on the furniture at her foster home but if they will sit on her dog bed she will happily cuddle up. She is very loyal to her people and remembers the new friends that she has met!



Her sturdiness and play style might not mesh with little children but older kids are great. She recently spent some time with an 11-year-old and loved him!

Her fosters say “She is so goofy! She keeps us laughing with her silly antics. She has brought home a couple of very large sticks (like 5b feet long) and enjoys chasing them, chewing on them, and sometimes just parading them around.”

If you are looking for a smart, funny, affectionate buddy who is happy to cuddle at home or join you on outdoor adventuring, please contact us at redwoodplasrescue@gmail.com or eave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

Trail | Part of a wide range of transportation options

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hasn’t been used in decades with the exception for a small section of track between Samoa and Manila.

“The Timber Heritage Association owns an 8.5-acre site in the Samoa area, from which it has operated a speeder car program since 2009,” the document states. “Speeder car excursions from Samoa to Manila has a ridership of 3,500 persons per year. The Rails with Trails concept is expected to be impacted by Sea Level Rise where the existing GRT right of way is separated from the Peninsula by bay water. Further study would be needed to determine whether a rail-with-trail option is feasible or if alternative alignments should be pursued.”

Manila already has a section of paved trail that extends from Pacific Avenue to Lupin Avenue on the west side of State

Route 255.

The long-range planning document doesn’t indicate exactly how and where the trail would be aligned. Those details would be figured out at a later date, as funding becomes available.

Roundabouts

State Route 255 bisects Manila, creating west side and east side of town. A constant complaint from Manila residents is the difficulty of crossing from one side of town to the other.

The documents calls for a “Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Crossing, Roundabout” at Pacific/Dean avenues, Lupin Avenue, Carlson Drive and Young Lane.

“These candidate projects were identified through public outreach. Not all of the improvements identified may be completed in the 20-year planning horizon due to funding limitations or other constraints,” the

document states. “It is important to note that features identified in the planning concept are conceptual in nature and may be modified in part or in whole during project development, based on presently unforeseen planning, engineering, funding, and environmental considerations.”

Improved transit

The document outlines the existing transit service on the peninsula and proposals for improving it.

“The Redwood Transit System (RTS) serves SR 255, with five trips in each direction on weekdays, and two trips in each direction on Saturdays,” the document states.

“Samoa is no longer served by fixed route transit service since the Samoa Transit System was suspended in July 2023 due to low ridership. To support Samoa Peninsula residents,

HTA has proposed the implementation of a micro-transit service,” the document states.

“For residents from Fairhaven to Manila, HTA will establish dropoff and pickup points at key locations around Humboldt Bay, including the 3rd & H transit hub in downtown Eureka as well as at Grocery Outlet and at Target. Service would be provided on weekdays from 7 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 6 p.m., on Saturdays the service would be limited to [noon] to 6 p.m. This micro-transit service is estimated to serve 11,600 passenger trips per year, or 46 people per average weekday.”

People wanting a ride on the micro-transit would call for a ride, be limited to three grocery bags and would only be allowed service animals. Non-service animals would need to be in carriers.

Pushback | New legal terrain challenges local agencies

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was kind of a roundtable of what the hits are looking like already and what they’re likely to be in terms of staffing, in terms of budget – what percent of their budget comes from federal sources and that kind of thing,” she said. “And it was pretty sobering – in fact, it was pretty terrifying to sit there and just listen to one after the other talk about the potential immediate and ripple effects to those organizations that are so, so, so critical to the fabric of our society and our safety net.”

Olson said the group decided “we really do need our legislators to have this information, for the media and the public to have this information, and each other.”

Federal immigration

enforcement actions are also of high concern and consortium members talked about how to provide accurate and rumor-busting information on them.

Roberts had talked about how much of what HAF is doing is what’s usually done but this year it’s happening at a time when the group is “frequently on the phone with legal counsel to make sure that we can keep going and how we can keep going without suddenly having our 501(c)(3) status pulled.”

The new, riskier environment was also described by former Food for People Executive Director Ann Holcomb.

“Several of the non-profits have already been advised to scrub their websites of language that

could trigger further inquiries and potentially threaten funding even further – I think that was one of the most terrifying things that I’ve heard in a very long time,” she said, adding that the impact of cuts that have already been made are “huge.”

When she said domestic violence services are going to take a “huge hit as well” and “they already have,” someone in the online audience audibly groaned.

“It’s just a very scary time, I don’t recall ever seeing anything like this,” said Holcomb.

A regional economic downturn was also discussed during the meeting, with Susan McIntyre of Eureka Main Street saying there’s “a lot of desperation” among busi-

ness owners who’ve told her about “how far down their sales numbers are.”

There was a nod to optimism from Gregg Foster, executive director of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission and the meeting’s moderator.

He said the consortium’s members will continue to “coordinate resources and make sure that we are doing things together that are good for our community.”

Solution to Crossword:

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CITY OF ARCATA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MAD RIVER BUSINESS PARK, JANES CREEK MEADOW & WINDSONG ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a public hearing on April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following item:
Adopting Resolution Nos. 245-27 (Mad River Parkway Business Center Landscape Maintenance Assessment District), 245-25 (Wind-song Subdivision Landscape Maintenance Assessment District), and

245-26 (Janes Creek Meadow Landscape Maintenance Assessment District), declaring the intention to continue to levy and collect assessments within the three districts for fiscal year 25/26. Additionally, Resolution No. 245-27 (Mad River Parkway Business Center Landscape Maintenance Assessment District) includes a Consumer Price Index adjustment of 2.8% for fiscal year

25-26 to be calculated and included in the report forwarded to the County for inclusion on the parcel annual tax assessment. There is a report of the City Engineer for the three districts available for public review at Arcata City Hall.
The meeting agenda and staff report for this hearing will be publicly available by 5:00 p.m., April 11, 2025, at <https://www.cityofarcata.org>

and at 736 F Street, Arcata, during regular business hours.
HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING
The public is invited to participate in the following manner: 1. Attend the meeting in person. The City Council Chamber is open to the public. 2. View and participate via Zoom. Meeting ID: 867 7362 7430 | One tap Mobile:

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before the meeting. Written comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting, but they will be forwarded to the City Council and included in the written record of the meeting. 4. View only (no participation). Access Humboldt Channel 10, online by visiting www.cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City’s You-

Tube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofArcataCA>
Any questions or comments regarding this notice should be directed to Netra Khatri, City Engineer at (707) 825-2173.
Date Notice Published: March 21, 2025.
/s/ Rhea Varley, City Clerk
3/26, 4/2

Sr. Center to host safe driving class

As we enter into spring, we are looking forward to Easter and better weather! The thrice-weekly High Steppers Walking Groups enjoy it much more, and Tai Chi can take place on the south lawn of Pierson Park.

We are still doing a lot indoors as well! Our Easter displays are up, setting a seasonal mood for our participants to enjoy.

A few new things this month: our computer and device help guys (Thursday and Friday mornings) will be assisting our seniors on how to use the Safeway app on their smartphones and/or on one of the computers in our lab so that they too can reap the savings benefits provided only to those with tech savvy.

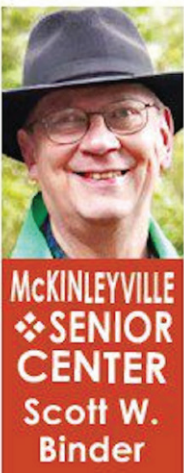
If you are one of these folks, come by – we can help. You don't even need to own a computer or a smartphone to take part and save money!

We are also looking forward to hosting CHP

PIO Officer Paul Craft, as he presents a safe driving program geared for seniors 65-plus called "Age Well – Drive Smart." This program addresses such topics as aging and its effects on safe driving, maintaining good physical health, self-assessment, and more. Seniors and their families are encouraged to attend this free program on Thursday, April 17th from 2pm – 4pm at our center located in Azalea Hall.

Thank you to those community members who are responsive to our needs and requests for donations! Over the last few weeks, our Durable Medical Equipment Lending Program was in need of Rollator walkers and a wheelchair or two, and those needs were filled within a few days via our social media request.

We can always use protein drinks for our seniors



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Scott W. Binder

who need a little more help to maintain muscle mass and to support bone health; we very much appreciate the generous community members who keep us supplied!

We appreciate our newest program leader, Lenora McConnell! She has stepped up to lead our bingo games on Tuesdays, giving another hard-working volunteer, Janet Miller, a little respite from her work here at the Center. Lenora is a long-time bingo player here, and a long-time McKinleyville resident. Our program leaders are very dedicated, and generally put in years of service in their respective roles.

As always, our 55-plus residents are welcome to stop in, have a cup of coffee, and learn about our avenues of support that we offer those in need. We help build relationships, share experiences, and provide mutual support, which can improve mental and emotional well-being and combat isolation.

Addressing these vital needs promotes vibrant living! As always, we go forth – "Sharing and Caring." See you soon!

Music, mahjong and museum fun in Trinidad

Westhaven Center for the Arts presents "In a Mellow Tone" with RLA and guest trombonist and vocalist James Zeller on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall.

James Zeller, an Oregon native, spent 17 years as a performer and band leader in New York City before relocating to Humboldt. He performed with Wynton Marsalis at the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and also with the Village Vanguard Orchestra, Slide Hampton, Joe Chambers and the Jimmy Heath Orchestra. He also appeared at The Blue Note and The Jazz Standard.

Tim Randles, piano, Doug Marcum, guitar, Ken Lawrence, bass and Mike LaBolle, drums will join Zeller through the evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 to \$20 sliding scale. Snacks and beverages available. Call (707) 834-2479 for more information.

Welcome to the World Ruby Foxfire Lanham

Michael and Whitney Lanham are the over-the-moon parents of little Ruby Foxfire Lanham, born March 15 at 2:09 a.m. Michael found in Proverbs 3:15 (a verse coinciding with Ruby's birth date) the message "She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her" an appropriate message on the arrival of Ruby, whose Trinidad grandmother is Cammie Anderson.

Mahjong at Trinidad Library

The first Mahjong Meet-Up at the Trinidad Library was well-received. Consequently, the Thursday evening gathering from 4 to 7 p.m. will continue on Thursday, March 27 and thereafter. Louise Ager encourages beginners to give the game a try. Call (707) 677-0227 to find out more.

Want to join the Trinidad Museum Board of Directors?

Trinidad Museum Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at the museum, 400 Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive. Two Board of Directors positions are open for terms of three years. The afternoon meeting will include election of directors, a financial report, showcasing new exhibits and a talk on the Spanish Landing in Trinidad Bay on June 9, 1775, 250 years ago.

The museum board of nine is very much a working one. The current board members have a wide variety of interests: Native American culture,

the Spanish voyages of discovery in the Pacific Northwest between 1774 and 1792, the gold rush after the 1849 Josiah Gregg party expedition, natural history, the Native Plant Garden, commercial, cultural and social history, including trains, the lighthouses, the redwood forests, logging and lumber products, architecture, churches, whaling, fishing, civic life and more are studied and showcased.

An interest in history and willingness to learn and participate are the principal qualifications for a position. The Board meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the museum. Board members, docents and gardeners all are volunteers. If you'd like to learn more about joining the Board, becoming a museum member, or volunteering, call (707) 677-3816.

Annual Memorial Ceremony coming in May

The Trinidad Civic Club will hold its 30th Annual Memorial Ceremony at Trinidad Bay Memorial Park on Edwards at Trinity Street on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Memorial name engraving occurs once a year. The deadline to request engraving the name of a loved one lost or buried at sea on the Memorial Wall is April 15, 2025. The cost is \$1,500 for each name. There are over 300 names commemorated at the site. To request an engraving application, call or leave a text message at (707) 499-9729. Find out more at the Trinidad Civic Club website at trinidadcivicclub.org.

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UP IN SMOKE An RV burned March 16 on West End Road in Arcata.

VIA ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

Woman escapes flaming RV

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

ARCATA – On Sunday, March 16 at about 12:33 p.m. units from the Arcata Fire District, Blue Lake Fire Department, Samoa Fire Department, and Cal-Fire were dispatched to a reported possible structure fire in the area of 4300 West End Road in Arcata. The initial dispatch reported a possible trailer fire

Arcata Fire and Arcata Police units arrived on scene to find heavy fire throughout a motor home RV. Crews immediately secured a water supply, began attacking the fire, and searching for victims.

Fire personnel had the fire controlled in about 15 minutes. Upon achieving fire control, fire personnel interviewed the occupant of the RV. The occupant advised that she was napping in the rear room when she heard the smoke alarm sounding, she opened the door to find the RV full of smoke and fire. The occupant closed the door and used the emergency exit from the bedroom.

Arcata Fire would also like to thank the Fieldbrook Fire Department and Westhaven Fire Department for covering the Arcata Fire District during the incident.

The Arcata Fire District reminds the public that fires spread rapidly, and smoke can quickly fill a room. Without a working smoke alarms, this incident could have been a tragedy.

Lighting | Draft ordinance

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how to gauge lighting intensity if there are complaints, Planning Director John Ford discouraged over-thinking.

“In residential, it really does come down to a simple idea of, get lights that are shielded, get lights that are warm and place them so that there’s no light trespass,” he said. “That’s the simple logic of the residential component.”

Ford also discouraged using units of light and square footage illumination as measurements.

“It is objective but it requires technology,” he said. “So then you’re putting a resident, perhaps, in the position of having to demonstrate that they comply with that rather than just looking at the light and determining, ‘Is it shielded? Is it warm?’”

Commission Chair Iver Skavdal supported the basic approach of using light trespass as a standard. “Then you could just walk into a neighbor’s yard, hold up a white piece of paper and say ‘light trespass,’” he said.

The idea of limiting light was questioned in the context of security considerations.

Commissioner Peggy O’Neill said security cameras aren’t of use if lighting is insufficient.

Ford said security lights are allowed “with the caveat that they’re not illuminating the night sky and there’s not light trespass going onto surrounding properties.”

He added, “We’re not trying to imperil safety, we just don’t want light going where it shouldn’t be.”

Commissioners agreed to strike some of the draft ordinance’s restrictions, including limiting hours of operation of commercial property lighting. Skavdal said it’s “confusing” and “hard to enforce.”

Dealing with non-conforming lighting installed prior to the ordinance’s enactment was also discussed, with Ford saying the ordinance applies if there’s a nuisance.

But when that was questioned, he agreed there’s nuance.

“If there’s just a little bit of light trespass, I don’t want to go telling somebody that they have to change their lights,” he said. “It has to be something that’s like, ‘That’s obscene,’” he said.

The ordinance will be “refined” to define the difference between minor and major complaints.

The workshop will shape development of a new draft that will return for commission review in a public hearing format.

Task Force goes after international cocaine operation

HUMBOLDT COUNTY
DRUG TASK FORCE

HUMBOLDT – In November of 2024, the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) opened an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO) based out of Guatemala and operating in Humboldt County.

The HCDTF identified Oscar Roacel Cruz-Ramos, 29, as a narcotics trafficker for this DTO. The HCDTF was able to successfully introduce an undercover agent to Cruz-Ramos. From November 2024 to March 2025, the undercover agent met with Cruz-Ramos on several occasions where they were able to purchase multiple ounces of cocaine and a firearm.

On March 14, 2025, the undercover agent requested to purchase 2.2 pounds (street value of \$22,000) of cocaine from Cruz-Ramos. Cruz-Ramos agreed to meet the undercover agent at an undisclosed location in Eureka.

Cruz-Ramos and a female, who was later identified as Yamileth Rodas-Larios, 26, arrived at the location and sold 2.2 pounds of cocaine to the undercover agent. At the conclusion of the transaction, both Cruz-Ramos and Rodas-Larios were taken into custody by the HCDTF.

After Cruz-Ramos and Rodas-Larios were taken into custody, agents with the HCDTF, deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, deputies with the Del Norte County Sheriff’s Office, officers with the Arcata Police Department, investigators with the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office, an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and agents with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), served a multi-location search warrant on properties associated with Cruz-Ramos.

The properties consisted of a residence located on the 3100 block of High Street in Eureka, a residence located in the 1000 block of Meadow Lane in Fortuna, and Cruz-Ramos’ residence located in the 6500



TOOLS OF THE TRADE Pistols, rifles, stacks of cash and a mountain of cocaine are among the evidence seized.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

block of State Route 36 in Carlotta.

At the High Street address, agents located a small amount of cocaine, 92 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for sales, and \$2,847.00 in US Currency.

At the Meadow Street address, agents located eight firearms including an AK-47 assault rifle and a non-serialized AR-15 assault rifle. Agents also located \$226,305.00 in US Currency, 15 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for sales, multiple high-capacity magazines, ammunition, and money transfer receipts from the United States to Mexico.

At Cruz-Ramos’ residence on State Route 36 in Carlotta, agents located 48 pounds of processed marijuana packed for sales, 174 growing marijuana plants, two firearms, including a personally manufactured firearm (PMF) AR-15 assault rifle with no serial number, and multiple money transfer receipts from the United States to Mexico.

At the conclusion of the search warrant, Cruz-Ramos and Rodas-Larios were placed under arrest and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where they were both booked on the following charges: possession of narcotics for the purpose of sales, trafficking narcotics, possession of marijuana for sale, conspiracy to commit a crime, commit a felony while armed, selling a firearm without a license, manufacturing an assault weapon and removing ID marks from a firearm.

On March 18, agents with the HCDTF, agents with the Federal

Bureau of Investigations, and investigators with the Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office served a search warrant at two more properties located in the 6500 block of 2nd Street in Fields Landing and a business located in the 400 block of South Fortuna Boulevard.

At the 2nd Street residence, agents located 103 pounds of processed marijuana that were packaged for sales.

At the business located on South Fortuna Boulevard, agents located hundreds of money transfer receipts. Upon reviewing most of the receipts, agents observed that most of the transfers were money going from Humboldt County to Mexico and Guatemala.

Agents also located receipts from Cruz-Ramos and other previous subjects of HCDTF investigations, transferring money from Humboldt County to Mexico and Guatemala. Agents also located \$14,774.00 in US Currency. Fortuna Police K9 Cain alerted to the cash, indicating the presence of narcotics.

Prior to serving the search warrant at the business on South Fortuna Boulevard, the HCDTF reviewed financial records from this business for 2024. In 2024, this single business transferred over \$11 million to Mexico and Guatemala.

The HCDTF is continuing their investigation into this Drug Trafficking Organization. Anyone with information related to this investigation or other narcotics related crimes is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 267-9976.

Supes OK Sheriff’s positions but warn of cuts

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Faced with “uncomfortable” budget cuts, Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors has nonetheless waived a hiring freeze for “essential” Sheriff’s Office positions, including a public information officer.

Talk of looming layoffs dominated the waiver discussion at the March 11 supervisors meeting but the value of the two positions in question – the public information officer and a property technician – was also emphasized.

County Sheriff Billy Honsal told supervisors the office’s current Public Information Officer (PIO) is leaving at the end of the month and supervises the release of “essential information” to the community and to media.

“It’s very, very crucial – when we have a critical incident out there, our public information specialist is the one that is pushing information to our community about an action that’s close to a school, to a critical incident,” he

continued. “Oftentimes, our deputies and our sergeants, lieutenants, don’t have time because they’re coordinating the emergency. That’s why this person is there.”

The PIO also coordinates responses to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and Honsal said his office gets as many as 250 a year.

Due to “amount of workload,” the office hasn’t always been “timely” with responses, which is a concern because “if we miss a timeline, we’re opening ourselves up for liability when it comes to responding to public records requests,” he continued.

The FOIA responses include reports on policy related to disciplinary actions, documentation on officer-involved shootings and jail deaths, Honsal said.

He said the office’s four property technicians process more than 8,000 items a year, including 500 guns and 1,200 “drug items.” Honsal stressed the importance of “chain

of custody” with items cited as evidence in prosecutions.

“That’s why it’s important that we have quality property technicians and that we have enough of them,” he said.

The waiver covers three years, with the cost of the hires at \$110,728 for the 2024-25 fiscal year, rising to \$122,000 in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

But Honsal said the cost of the property technician is mostly covered through Humboldt County Drug Task Force funding, which amounts to \$56,000 in the first year.

He said both positions are already included in the county budget.

Supervisor Mike Wilson pulled the waivers from the meeting’s consent agenda of items considered routine, saying they’re worth discussing because “we’re coming into a place where we may not have funds for employees that we have.”

Saying the county is approaching a “fiscal cliff,” Supervisor Steve Madrone also warned of

near future dilemmas.

“Are we just going to approach that cliff and then shut it off at that point or are we going to start tamping down now?” he continued. “Are we going to start tightening up our budget now, are we going to just all of a sudden lay off a bunch of people in a year? I mean, that’s incredibly uncomfortable and not just uncomfortable, but that’s, you know, a real heavy hit to families, to people trying to support their families.”

Referring to a recent public safety scare and lockdown at Redway School, Board Chair Michelle Bushnell vouched for the importance of informing the public.

“For small rural communities like Humboldt, that information is so needed and sought after when incidents like that happen,” she said.

Convinced that the two positions are indeed essential, supervisors unanimously approved the hiring freeze waivers.

Supervisors takes action against deadbeat pot growers

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors is enforcing the Measure S cannabis excise tax with an initial batch of cultivation permit revocations for those who owe back tax and haven’t entered into payment plans.

Of 22 revocations before the board at its March 11 meeting, 21 were approved, with one permit left out because no cannabis was cultivated on the property it applies to.

But that permit holder still owes the county \$977 in processing fees.

Farmers had until March 31, 2024 to enter into back tax payment plans with the county and

have until the end of this month to fully pay debts.

Planning Director John Ford said holders of the permits up for revocation could have avoided the action by entering into payment plans last year and their permits have been suspended as of April 20, 2024.

Saying he wants to make “a clear distinction, Ford added, “This group of 22 did not even put in the effort to enter into a payment plan.”

There will be another batch of revocations to consider on March 25 along with discussion on how to handle those who fail to meet the March 31 debt payment deadline.

During a public comment period, Sheriff Billy Honsal sup-

ported revoking the permits.

“This board and our county has bent over backwards to try and bring people into compliance with the law,” he said. “Sometimes you have to draw the line. And this is the line – finally – that we’ve drawn that says, hey, 22 permits can be revoked. And I would encourage you to revoke these permits.”

Honsal described the revocations as a nod to those who have complied with county requirements.

“This also sends a clear message to the people that are abiding by the law and paying their permits and paying their fees and they’re sacrificing because they understand what it takes to be in compliance with the law,”

he said. “And we’re rewarding those people by by revoking these permits.”

Answering questions from supervisors, Ford said “a good portion” of the properties related to the revocations have been inspected and “they should all be fallow at this point.”

He said his department will “continue to verify that.”

A follow-up step will be to notify property owners that due to permit revocation, they’re required to remove all cannabis infrastructure.

Asked about payment of property taxes and if anyone would be on the properties where permits are being revoked to receive planning department notices, Ford said further inspections

would “verify whether or not they’re even there.”

The total Measure S debt of the 21 revocations amounts to \$343,000. In addition, the Planning Department is owed a total of \$64,000 in processing and administrative fees plus fees for the staff time involved in preparing the revocations for the board hearing.

Supervisors unanimously approved the revocations.

According to a written staff report, most of the revoked permits are for cultivation areas under 10,000 square feet. The revocations stem from board action taken in October of 2023, when planning staff was directed to pursue payment of Measure S tax debts.



REACHING THEIR STAR Bryan Perez Bado, Maya Sanchez, Yadira Hernandez, Janelle Cruz, Leslie Ortega, Denisse Hernandez-Garcia, Benjamin Hernandez, Matias Solorzano, Allison Hernandez, Osvaldo Bustos Perez.

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CUMBRE Humboldt honors latest Reach Your Star Awardees

Lucy Salazar
PRESIDENT, CUMBRE HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – Once again I had the honor and privilege of meeting our 10 Fall 2024 Reach your Star/ Alcanza tu Estrella scholarship recipients. These Latinx students are passionate about their chosen majors and career choices.

It is obvious that they will achieve their goals, in spite of the many struggles and distractions in their lives. CUMBRE Humboldt is proud to present these 10 award winners, with quotes from their applications:

Bryan Perez Bado
Cal Poly Humboldt – Biology
I’m majoring in Biology with a concentration in Ecology with hopes to work in conservation & research. I seek to attain my degree in hopes of gaining a better understanding of how to better support these (disturbed) communities through resource management courses, TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge) understanding, as well as a degree to apply for coordination positions.

I was fortunate enough to take gap years and enter internships and entry-level positions in ecology relating to nursery work and/or ecological restoration. Partaking in these community-driven efforts restored a vigor within me where I knew higher education would provide me outlets to better provide for my southern-California communities and the resources to the outdoors needed. Thus, I transferred to Cal Poly Humboldt in hopes of learning more of our diverse plant ecology as I hope to attain my degree and coordination restoration projects back home (Los Angeles County).

Janelle Cruz
Eureka High School, Cal State San Jose, Cal State Sacramento, UC Davis, or UC Santa Cruz – Political Science major
For me getting a higher education is striving to become the best version of myself that I can achieve. I believe that when you are given an opportunity such as that my grandma and my mother gave to me, the gift of independence. It would not only be a disservice to their sacrifices and memories but a disservice to myself.

I prioritize education over everything else because as long as I want it to, it will continue to grow and is something that nobody can take from me. I aspire to be an attorney in California. I hope to become someone knowledgeable about U.S. laws and about my rights as a U.S. citizen. I am going to be the first in my family to know about law and the first to go from high school to a

four-year university. I am going to be the change in my family and the role model my younger sibling and cousins can follow.

Maya Sanchez
East High School, Butte College, Fine Arts and Design
In 2018 my house burnt down in a fire and I’ve had to start fresh since then. In the past years, I’ve managed to become valedictorian of my 8th grade class, have straight A’s in high school, and graduate a year and an half early, all by myself. I am very goal driven and perseverant and I believe that is why I’ve managed to overcome obstacles and to be where I am today.

After I’ve attained my degree from Butte College, I plan to transfer to a university and major in design. I really enjoy interior and landscape design, but also am interested in architectural design. My goal for the future after college is that I want to have my own business designing and making people’s imagination come to life with designing their dream home, yard, or room.

Matias Solorzano
Cal Poly Humboldt - Psychology, Academic Research Concentration, M.A.

“Nothing about us, without us.” I have embodied this motto in advocating for others as an autistic individual throughout my life and as an autistic researcher. I have advocated for autonomy and dignity for myself as a child and others as I spent time with students in a special education classroom and gained a passion for creating change for my community. Working with individuals with disabilities and advocating for them are my greatest passions. Across my education and career, I have gained in-depth knowledge of neurodiversity, conducted research concerning autism, and have sought relevant personal and professional experiences related to disability, making me well-suited to conduct high-impact research in a Ph.D program and beyond.

As a disability justice advocate, achieving change takes a long time, and it is easy to give up on these goals when no progress is made. However, one must realize that this work is being done for future generations, as they will be the ones who benefit from the hard work that those before them have done.

Yadira Hernandez
Cal Poly Humboldt, Biology Science Education

I am currently a majoring in Biology Science Education and

will be graduating this upcoming spring.

After I graduate, I plan to come back here to Cal Poly Humboldt and get my Secondary Education Teaching Credential. This will allow me to become a High School Science teacher. I have always known that I wanted to be a teacher and I choose science because I love the subject. I will be able to do two of the things I love the most, be a teacher and help students and also focus on science.

Receiving a scholarship is one of the best feelings because I know that there are people out there that care about my education and want me to succeed. Being in college has been a very empowering and inspirational experience especially because I am a first-generation college student. I know my family is proud of me and that’s what keeps me going.

Denisse Hernandez-Garcia
Cal Poly Humboldt, Forestry

I have been studying forestry, and will graduate in the spring of this upcoming year. I aim to become a professional registered forester in California. I had been fortunate enough to have seen more women and women of color within the forestry sector. I hope to become an example of how women of color can participate and contribute to the innovation within this sector.

My career goal and aspiration is to become a registered professional forester (RPF) within the state of California. I would like to manage our forested landscape to become fire resilient and save our forests. They are able to provide us with clean air, water, wildlife and recreation. I believe that I would be able to submit plans to remove diseased trees and prevent devastating wildfires.

Leslie Ortega
Cal Poly Humboldt, Botany

I am currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Botany. I hope to continue my studies with a focus on Mycology and bioremediation to support my future career as a Mycologist.

My goal is to share my knowledge with local communities that do not have easy access to scientific information. I believe that everyone should have the chance to learn about the incredible potential of fungi and plants whether you live in a rural or urban area.

I have always been fascinated by the natural world, and my studies in biology have only deepened this interest. I am particularly drawn to the study of fungi because of their unique ability to connect and support ecosys-

tems. Fungal networks play a crucial role in nutrient cycling, soil health, and plant communication. By understanding these networks better, we can develop new ways to restore damaged ecosystems and promote biodiversity.

One of my biggest aspirations is to ensure that my research uplifts and involves Indigenous communities. Indigenous knowledge has long been overlooked in scientific research, but it is incredibly valuable for conservation efforts.

Indigenous communities have a deep understanding of their local environments and have developed sustainable practices over generations. By collaborating with these communities, we can combine traditional knowledge with modern science to create more effective and inclusive conservation strategies. Meanwhile, uplifting traditional ecocultural knowledge that doesn’t need or have to be squeezed into a westernized scientific box.

Allison Hernandez
Cal Poly Humboldt, Forestry with a soil concentration

I want to work in the Forest Service or at the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and I need my bachelors to start off as an actual Forester or Soil Conservationist. Specifically, I want more exposure to soils and the interactions it has to our ecosystem.

Back home, there is a lead contamination crisis that is impacting lower-income communities. There can be a lot of contaminants in the soil from the past decades that we do not know about and continue to not care about. I want to change that by potentially dedicating my life to just doing field work or research.

Even if it’s marking trees or taking soil samples from the lab, I am gaining knowledge with what I do and who I interact with. Once I feel stable enough to proceed to a higher education, I would feel inspired to look more deeply on the chemical side of soils to help reduce the contaminates that we unintentionally step in everyday.

Benjamin Hernandez
Cal Poly Humboldt, Journalism with an emphasis on the news

As a journalism major and a student reporter, my current goals are to better serve the historically underserved Latino community in Humboldt County, as well as use my skills to tell the stories that mainstream media does not typically tell.

Independent journalism and protection of the free press are things which I constantly strive

for, and I hope to achieve these through mentorship and guidance from my peers and advisors.

Being a student reporter for Cal Poly Humboldt’s bilingual newspaper, *El Leñador*, has taught me many things about the importance of journalism, especially for underserved communities. As a native Angelino, it was truly mind blowing to move to an environment where Latinos didn’t make up the majority of the population. I felt a sense of culture shock, and I knew that I needed to find a sense of community or else I would end up moving back home.

Finding the journalism department, specifically our bilingual newspaper, helped me tremendously in connecting with other Latino students who also felt that our community was lacking. Through journalism, I hope to bring our Latino community closer and to foster a sense of belonging for students who felt what I had originally felt when I first moved up to Humboldt.

My ultimate goal as a journalist is not only to tell stories, but also to bring people closer to one another. I want people to understand the value that their voices, experiences, and stories have in uniting with one another.

Osvaldo Bustos Perez
Geology

I am a geology undergrad at Cal Poly Humboldt. I am interested in graduating and pursuing a masters in isotope geochemistry/thermochronology. I was in the tectonics research cohort at CPH where we conducted research in the Klamaths. Our research goal was to sample two different batholiths and determine their timing and exhumation rates through deep geologic time. I would like to build off of this research project for my masters.

I want to be a university professor. After obtaining my B.S, I would like to jump straight into a masters or doctorate program. I want to specialize in both low temperature thermochronology and experimental petrology/structural petrology. These two are both very foundational topics in trying to advance our current understanding of geology.

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Every spring and fall, CUMBRE Humboldt continues to encourage and support these dedicated and hardworking Latinx students through our scholarship program.

Donations for future awards can be made at cumbrehumboldt.org ¡Muchas gracias!

CUNA puts Resilience Hub to work with lively programs

Kimberley White
COMUNIDAD UNIDA DEL NORTE DE ARCATÁ VALLEY WEST – As many know, CUNA, Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata/Community United of North Arcata, had an official ribbon cutting in November for the CUNA Resilience HUB/Family Resource Center. And it’s been a minute since CUNA has checked in with *Mad River Union* readers. We want to update you with all the new programs and events we are doing as we implement the Participatory Budget Process 10 winning proposals and other programs as well.

For those who are not aware, CUNA now resides at 4700 Valley East Blvd. (corner of Valley East and Hallen Drive) in Arcata. In addition to ongoing disaster preparedness training, here are some of our new programs to include: a weekly Food Demo workshop, “What’s Cooking?” a monthly Culinary Arts Food Literacy class, Yoga/Baile Terapia (dance therapy), a ‘Matter of Balance’ program that emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls, and many more programs upcoming, so keep your eyes peeled.

Starting Tuesday, March 25 from 5 to 6



Eibar Romero and Molly Jo of Riptide Café.
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p.m., CUNA is offering a free, eight-week bilingual Food Demo series on healthy eating on a budget, taught by Jessica Rebholtz. Learn how to make healthy eating and active living part of your family life.

Each meeting features a healthy food demonstration. This is offered at no cost to participants. Plus each participant brings

home a bag of ingredients weekly to cook at home, for the household. Not only will you graduate with a “Certificate of Completion” at the end of the series, each participant will also receive a free tote bag filled with goodies to include kitchen gadgets and a cookbook. This series is brought to you by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The following are the dates for the Food Demo series; March 25, April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27. For more information contact Jessica at (707) 441-5287.

Also Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. we have Yoga/Baile Terapia. “Baile terapia” translates to “dance therapy” in Spanish, and it refers to a type of therapy that uses movement and dance to help individuals achieve emotional, cognitive, physical, and social integration. This class is perfect for all lev-

els of fitness and is bilingual.

With quite the following countywide, Dr. Jorge Matias and Haydee Hopkins will keep you moving and engaged with lively latinx music. Yoga mats are provided, but you may also bring your own. All are welcome. We have a kids corner or the littles can participate. On Fridays, we have a new eight-week

course (March 7 to May 2) “A Matter of Balance” which emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities.

“A Matter of Balance” is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. There are two sessions on Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is a free class.

For more information, please call Laura “Peach” Green at (707) 572-8095.

Each month, guest speakers and culinary experts will offer their services pro bono at our “What’s Cooking?” Culinary Arts Program. We are fortunate in Arcata to have a health-conscious community, as well as many nutrition experts, restaurateurs, farmers, grocers and culinary entrepreneurs. In each workshop, a pro bono chef will teach essential culinary skills, including menu planning, budgeting, food nutrition, and lifelong healthy eating hab-



CPH student Andrew, and Pete Cioffi making pizza.



Yoga time for Eibar Romero and baby Lian.

its, thereby improving the health outcomes of current and future generations.

This month’s guest chef is Brett Shuler, on Friday, March 28 at 6 p.m. Come learn how to properly cut a whole (Rocky organic) chicken and use the bones for a stock to make a gravy for mashed potatoes. There will also be a salad demo and you will learn how to make a vinaigrette salad dressing.

Come join CUNA and guest Chef Brett Shuler and share a meal with the community. Yes, there will be dessert. Hope to see you there!

Other programs include: a Food Pantry Program, Teen Meetups (next one is upcoming in April) a Valley West Farm Stand (you asked for it, so here it is starting in mid April), Movies at the Park for the entire family (starting in May), Music in the Park, a Food Truck Festival and our Third Annual Tanguis (Latinx-style flea market)! Stay tuned for updates and more programming. All the classes and programs mentioned are free to all.

For more information contact CUNA at (707) 633-3867 (English) or (707) 633-8831(español) or email cunacomestogether@gmail.com or visit cunacomestogether.com.

OPINION

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Double-standards riddle

Riddle me this. Why is DOGE causing loss of jobs and services such a tremendous concern for California politicians while PERS causing loss of jobs and services is not a huge concern?

Congressman Jared Huffman talks of how government exists to serve the people and how DOGE is slashing staff and cutting vital spending. Local governments are cutting staff and vital spending on services because they believe their constitutional guarantee of retirement income (PERS) gives them the right to live beyond their means and run up big debts.

Debt payments lead to loss of services, with increased taxes and fees placing an increased economic burden on a debilitated private sector.

Riddle yourself this. Do the following actions of local governments meet Congressman Huffman's narrative that government exists to serve the people?

In early 2020, in Eureka, four people were brutally assaulted in four separate, violent attacks. Two people survived, two were murdered. Eureka City Hall's response was to cut \$1.1 million and six positions, including four officers, from EPD as it spent \$5.7 million on pension debt.

In 2024, Senator Mike McGuire was in town for the Christmas Food Drive, saying the need is even greater, as the Food Bank is now serving 21,000 individuals every month, 5,000 more than just two years ago. Yet, earlier in 2024, Arcata House Partnership's safe parking program was cut due to lack of \$477,000 in funding as Arcata City Hall spent \$7.5 million on pension debt.

Humboldt County's pension debt increase from \$220 million in 2015 to \$330 million in 2021.

DOGE can be changed in four years at the next presidential election, if public outrage does not end it sooner. The debilitating effects of ongoing PERS debt payments will be with us for decades.

Patrick Cloney
Eureka

Disgustingly hypocritical

We live in a culture that blames, and holds in contempt, the poor and homeless, yet now even more fiercely than ever, except perhaps in Dickensian England, makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for people to attain the knowledge and skills essential for participation in the economy.

The current attacks on the Department of Education, as well as HUD, are unadulterated and completely disgusting hypocrisy.

What is an economy for? To provide housing, health care, healthy nutrition, education, employment, a clean environment, preserve the health and beauty of the natural world in our public lands for everyone, or bopping off to build Xanadu on Mars?

The ultra rich think life is a video game and despise empathy. It is empathy alone which makes us fully human as well as humane. But then again, I guess sex with AI robots is increasingly hot.

Naomi Silvertree aka **Margo Gross**
Arcata

Impartiality important

I believe objectivity is necessary for good journalism, especially when reporting on planning issues. But when Arcata's Gateway Area Plan was being considered, your Editor at Large used the *Mad River Union* to ridicule and mock anyone who did not agree with his position.

On March 5, you published an opinion piece by Supervisor Madrone about incorporation for McKinleyville, and you

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gave it the headline: "McKinleyville cityhood: an arduous process promises big benefits."

Since no cost benefit analysis has been conducted, we don't know if incorporation will yield any benefits. At this point it is a matter of opinion, and your paper should remain neutral on the topic.

Any efforts to accurately analyze incorporation would need data from the county. How much does the county collect in all forms of taxes, fees, etc. and how much do they provide in services, by category?

Supervisor Madrone has been attempting to get this data for years, but the county has not provided it.

Perhaps you can investigate why the county is withholding this critical information; that would be a valuable public service. Meanwhile, when you write about cityhood for McKinleyville, please remain impartial.

Diane Higgins
McKinleyville

Tariff lies continue

Trump recently made his oft-repeated tariff claim on Truth Social in response to a *Wall Street Journal* criticism of his economic policy: "TARIFF RELATED MONEY IS POURING INTO THE UNITED STATES." It's not. The source of tariff dollars is already in the United States; it comes from U.S.-based importers.

Suppose a Seattle merchant imports TV sets from China at \$500 each and sells them for \$1,000. With a 20 percent tariff, the merchant pays the \$500 cost plus an additional \$100 tariff to the U.S. government.

Keeping the original sales price, the profit would only be \$400 per set. To maintain a \$500 profit, the price must now increase to \$1,100; or to keep the same 100 percent markup, \$1,200.

The hope here is that the now higher-priced imported TVs could result in increased sales of domestically made ones. A previously non-competitive \$1,050 priced domestic TV might now be a better choice. Further, this increased demand could lead to increased domestic production and employment, and possibly additional domestic manufacturers entering the market.

Generalizing then, imposing an import tariff on foreign goods should result in lost sales to the U.S. which would decrease the exporter's profits, reduce the exporting nation's balance of trade, and possibly increase that nation's unemployment.

For the U.S., the federal government would now collect a tariff from domestic importers, the U.S. balance of trade would increase with increased domestic sales, and additional jobs could be created. As with all tariffs, however, the U.S. consumer would likely lose, facing higher prices.

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

Outrageous overreaches

Fortunately that fascist fool atop the anti-democracy dung heap known as the Republican Party is dimwittedly disabling the GOP's political operation ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

Demented 78-year-old convicted felon Donald Trump (otherwise known as "Diaper Don" due to his reportedly wearing and defecating in his Depends brand adult undergarments on a regular basis while anyone close enough to smell him is forced to suppress their gag reflex) is destroying his own political party according to the polls.

Democrats are now becoming so sure of their upcoming electoral victories next year, that other equally over-the-hill politicians like Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) are arguing for Democrats to do nothing until 2026 but stand aside and watch Trump himself defeat the congressional wing of the Republican Party with his asinine administration's outrageous overreaches on numerous issues where the federal courts are slapping Trump down big time.

You see, it's this screwed-up situation that right-wing racist Republikkkans are stuck in at this time thanks to Putin's puppet Trump that they will of course be entirely incapable of extricating themselves from come November of 2026. Why? Because the GOP (which now stands for nothing but Greedy Old Perverts) has been trapped in their pro-billionaire bubble for so long that they have forgotten the fact that most Americans hate rich Russia-loving leeches like traitor Trump and his Sieg Heil-saluting South African boss Elon Musk whose cars and rockets are both defective.

Jake Pickering
Arcata

Blame the Jews, the same old way

In her March 19 letter, the accusation of Rebecca Stauffer that AIPAC's influence is the reason why the award-winning documentary "No Other Land" has not been picked up for distribution in the U.S. is a troubling manifestation of antisemitic rhetoric.

By framing AIPAC as a monolithic voice for Jews, and an oppressive force responsible for silencing dissent, this narrative invokes classic antisemitic tropes that depict Jewish organizations as manipulative or coercive.

Assigning conspiratorial control to Jewish advocacy organizations exposes antisemitic beliefs.

Exposing Stauffer's bias in her argument is her generalization that the movie is based on the entire West Bank, while it is actually about one particular village. Based on her biased writing, I doubt she has much understanding about the complex layers of the village's story. It is notable that instead of celebrating the possibility that Israelis and Palestinians can work together on such a film, she has decided to focus on blaming Jews for taking over the industry.

The assertion that AIPAC, or any Jewish organization, is to blame for the lack of film distribution employs a demonizing stereotype. This echoes historical accusations of Jewish control over media, economy and politics.

Conflating legitimate advocacy with authoritarian censorship is totally unfounded and deeply harmful. Jews have long been scapegoated for the world's problems. People like Stauffer draw from a deep reservoir of antisemitic cliches, such as the conspiracy theory she espouses about Jewish domination over distribution networks.

Condemning Jewish organizations as "tyrannical", without evidence, is political antisemitism and targets the collective Jewish identity.

Accusing AIPAC of suppressing the film perpetuates harmful stereotypes and reflects an insidious form of antisemitism that must be unequivocally rejected.

It's obvious that Stauffer is harboring antisemitism, consciously and subconsciously, and it is seeping into her writing.

Tamar Krigel

"From the river to the sea,
only peace will set us free"
Arcata

Shining a light

Thank you, Shine a Light on Palestine, for all that you are doing to humanize Palestinians with your film series at the Minor Theatre.

I attended two of the three fall 2024 film screenings: Where Olive Trees Weep, Roadmap to Apartheid, 1948 Creation and Catastrophe. I had some prior understanding of the history of Palestinian oppression over the last 77 years, Israeli occupation since 1948, and the apartheid system implemented. These documentary films, augmented with interviews after the screenings with visiting film producers, gave us more primary sources of information to adjust our perceptions and feel connected with Palestinians.

I am delighted to learn that the film series is continuing this spring. I have all four outstanding films on my calendar, and I encourage *Union* readers to join me. Get your tickets early. I missed Where Olive Trees Weep because I didn't get tickets early and it sold out.

March 26 Boycott Alerts us to the anti-BDS (boycott, divest, sanction) movement, and helps interested viewers know how to support Palestinians.

April 2 Ground Zero Reviewed as amazingly creative, this is a collection of short animated and experimental films by a variety of Palestinian directors that spotlight Gaza.

April 9 and April 16 No Other Land Lucky for us Humboldt movie goes, we get two showings of the 2024 academy award winner for the best documentary feature film.

April 23 Lyd Just being released in the U.S. this April, the film received excellent reviews in Melbourne. The Minor will be one of the first theaters to secure its showing.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming series of Palestinian films every Wednesday through the month of April, 7 p.m. at the Minor Theatre.

Diane Ryerson
Arcata

A fantastic AHS/AAI musical, now playing

I'm writing to let everyone know about a fantastic musical that opened at Arcata High last night, put on by the kids of the Arcata Arts Institute, called *Hadestown*.

The house was packed and we got to see a well-produced and professional performance by some very talented young people.

Everything from the sets, stage, costumes and lighting we put together flawlessly. The audience was immediately drawn into a Depression-era retelling of the myth of Orpheus and Euridice and their doomed love affair, told again and again since the time of ancient Greece.

The musicians were absolutely amazing. I couldn't believe these were high school students, playing complex, compelling songs that carried us along with the story.

As for the acting, singing and performing, I was floored. These kids are so talented, so poised and presented such big, fully developed personalities on the stage. I found myself enraptured, hanging on every word as the story presented clever twists and turns, leading up to the heart-breaking finish.

I wanted to let everyone know that this is a show well worth seeing. Seats are available March 27, 28 and 29, so don't miss it!

Sincerely,
Jess O'Brien
Arcata

Rate the ranters using Graham's Hierarchy of Disagreement

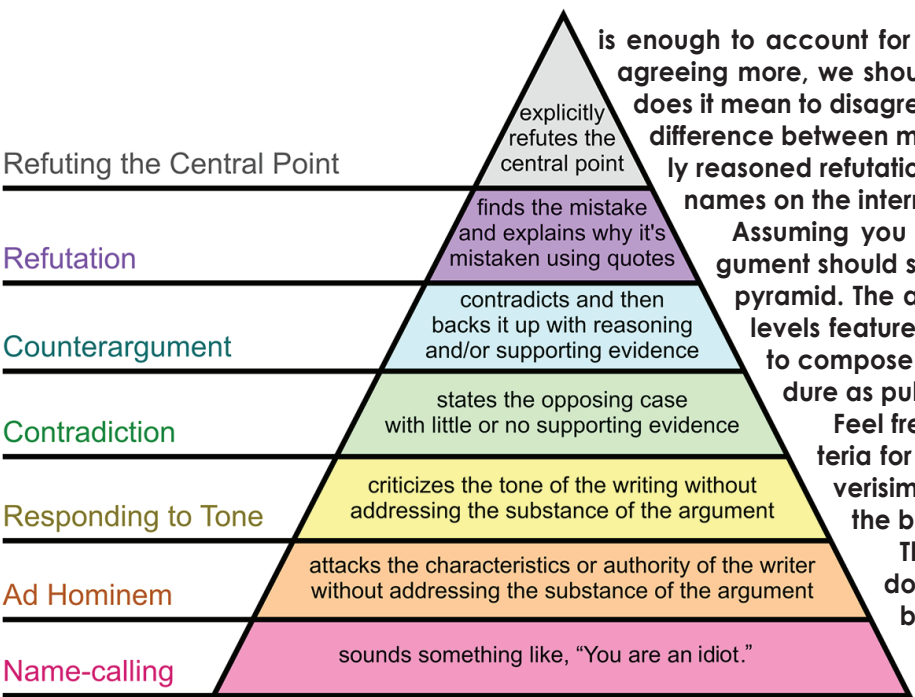
HOW'D THEY DO? After dutifully reading for comprehension, word by word, every letter above, how do you rate the arguments presented by the writers? Were their points made in good faith, or just to impress their cohort, or both? Were they winning hearts and minds or scoring points?

At right is *Graham's Hierarchy of Disagreement*, a seemingly reasonable, revisable set of criteria for transacting conflicting ideas.

According to rationalwiki.org/wiki/Hierarchy_of_disagreement, the hierarchy of disagreement is a concept proposed by computer scientist Paul Graham in his 2008 essay *How to Disagree*.

The pyramid tries to suggest ways to improve one's arguments, and have more constructive disagreements. Said Graham as the Internet took hold:

"As a result there's a lot more disagreeing going on, especially measured by the word. That doesn't mean people are getting angrier. The structural change in the way we communicate



is enough to account for it... If we're all going to be disagreeing more, we should be careful to do it well. What does it mean to disagree well? Most readers can tell the difference between mere name-calling and a carefully reasoned refutation, but I think it would help to put names on the intermediate stages."

Assuming you accept these criteria, one's argument should stick to the top three levels of the pyramid. The alluring but unhelpful bottom four levels feature fallacious arguments that seem to compose much if not most of what we endure as public debate these days.

Feel free to suggest any alternative criteria for more reasonable reasoning. For verisimilitude, we'd probably change the bottom tier to "Your an idiot."

That said, and just as importantly, do try to follow the *Union's* sensible, AP style-based punctuation guidelines.

IMAGE VIA RATIONALWIKI.COM

YAIMA performs Wednesday, March 26 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. The name Yaima emerges from the Mapudungun language of Okinawa, Japan, meaning “that which water runs through.” Yaima has been described as timeless and unmistakable, offering a balanced synergy of both the masculine and feminine expression. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$28 in advance and at the door. (707) 630-5000, [arcatatheatrelounge.com](#)

THE CLAIRE BENT JAZZ QUARTET performs Thursday, March 27 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. The Claire Bent Jazz Quartet, led by Humboldt County’s princess of soul, joins her band playing their jazz, funk and R&B dance tunes. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, [basementarcata.com](#)

THE LOST DOGS performs Thursday, March 27 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local musicians the Lost Dogs are mainly a blues band, but they also enjoy playing a variety of styles such as rockabilly, R&B and a little country. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

CHECKERED PAST performs Friday, March 28 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Founded by long-time Humboldt County musician Kris Sundeen, Also with Makenu. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance and at the door.

HOT FOOT performs Friday, March 28 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. A collection of Humboldt County funk all-stars featuring members of Object Heavy and Bump Foundation playing foot-stompin’ music. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door.

MELISSA RUTH performs Friday, March 28 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. In a style she calls North-Country Western, Oregon artist and musician Melissa Ruth examines the region’s heritage from perspectives not often explored. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 668-5000, [loggerbar.com/events](#)

FRED AND WILMA performs Friday, March 28 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Fred and Wilma are Peggy Martinez and Jeff Kelley, sharing their mutual love for a diverse range of folk, rock, country and R&B with joy, finesse and energy. Show starts at 5 p.m. All ages.

RUBY RUTH AND RICH KEARNS perform Saturday, March 29 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Ruby Ruth and Rich Kearns are a Humboldt County-based singer-songwriter duo that brings you songs of vulnerability, resilience and strength. Led by Ruby’s versatile vocal and songwriting style and accompanied by Rich’s thoughtful harmonies and instrumentals, the duo weaves story and song creating a dynamic connection between audience and stage. Blending humor and authenticity, Doors open at 6 p.m, show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR FIRE EAGLE takes place Saturday, March 29 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Katherine “Fire Eagle” Sternberg (FE) is bravely battling tri-

ple negative breast cancer, and after her diagnosis in October 2024, FE continues to face an uphill journey filled with chemotherapy, surgery and radiation therapy. This event is a chance to raise funds for her during this challenging time. Performing at 3 p.m. all ages show are Silver and Nails, Idle Spurs, Clay and Friends and Royal Propolis, and the 8:30 show will feature Los Chicharones and Magnificent Sanctuary Band. Doors open at 2:30 p.m, show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and the door and additional donations are welcome.

IRIE ROCKERZ perform Saturday, March 29 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Local reggae-funk powerhouse Irie Rockerz take the stage in support of local community radio in the redwoods in this fundraiser for KMUD. Redwood Community Radio is bringing some love to our Northern Humboldt community with a night of positive vibes. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

SOUL TRIP performs Saturday, March 29 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Classic rock, blues, funk, soul and grunge, reviving classics from Led Zeppelin to Incubus, through Bill Withers and Black Pumas and more. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door.

JENNY DON’T AND THE SPURS perform Saturday, March 29 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Portland-based Jenny Don’t and the Spurs are a country and western band whose style has been described variously as honky tonk, garage rock and cowpunk. The show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door.

BACK SEAT DRIVERS perform Saturday, March 29 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Playing Mississippi Delta/Piedmont blues as well as handmade topical songs, all while injecting some humor and satire into their sound Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages.

BLACKSAGE RUNNERS perform Saturday, March 29 at Mad River Tap Room at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. The Blacksage Runners are a true power trio consisting of Joe Antrim on guitar, Brendan Madsen on drums and Joe Hays on bass. The Runners deliver head-banging, high-energy rock and blues. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages.

KHRIS DELMHOST performs Tuesday, April 1 the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. Kris Delmhorst is an American songwriter, singer, instrumentalist and producer. With more than 25 years as an independent artist, she has built a body of work characterized by a wide-ranging, genre-agnostic curiosity and constant collaboration. Doors open at 6:30 p.m, show starts at 7:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance and at the door.

COMING UP:

- Rachel Thierren Latin Jazz Project at the Arcata Playhouse, Wednesday, April 2, 8 p.m.
- Jakes Xerxes Fussell at Richard’s Goat, Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.
- Dirty Cello at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Sunday, April 6, 7 p.m.
- True Loves at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, April 11, 8:30 p.m.
- Collie Buddz at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m.
- Chuck Fenda & the Purity Attack Band at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, April 18, 9 p.m.



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SCENE

The ultimate whodunit at Cal Poly

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY CAMPUS – The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre presents *Clue*, directed by Peggy Metzger and Eliza Klinger.

Clue is based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn, written by Sandy Rustin with additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price and based on the Paramount Pictures motion picture based on the Hasbro board game Clue. Original music by Michael Holland.

Join us Friday, March 28 to Sunday, April 6 at the John Van Duzer Theatre for the ultimate whodunnit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist. Tickets are \$13 general, \$11 seniors/students, and free for Humboldt students with an ID.

It’s a dark and stormy night, and you’ve been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each guest has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well... dead. So whodunnit?

Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

This production of *Clue* fea-



MYSTERY The cast of *Clue* includes Jeremy Webb as Wadsworth the Butler, Maddy Arsich as Yvette the Maid, Aubrey O’Leary as Miss Scarlet, Stephan Chittenden as Colonel Mustard and Ali Laith as Mr. Green. PHOTO BY KELIE JO BROWN

tures 11 performers from Cal Poly Humboldt. In the pivotal role playing Wadsworth, the Butler, is Cal Poly staff member Jeremy Webb. “Wadsworth is the biggest role I’ve ever had,” says Webb, “this is my debut in the Van Duzer Theatre, and also this is my first time back on stage in seven years (the last play I was in was *Ripcord* at Redwood Curtain Theater in October 2018). I really enjoy physical comedy, and there is a lot of it in *Clue*!”

Every gag that can be had, will be had in this production. In the words of Webb “Certainly the ‘whodunnit’ aspect of this

murder mystery will have the audience on the edge of their seats in suspense – but I’m hoping the comedy will get them out of their seats, rolling on the floor laughing!”

Performances to this rollicking comedic murder-mystery are Friday, March 28, Saturday, March 29, Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 and Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. It is encouraged that you avoid the box office lines and order tickets ahead of time at [tickets.humboldt.edu/dance-music-and-theatre](#).

El Teatro del Pueblo grows: Know Your Rights

For several years now Teatro del Pueblo has been getting together to cultivate the tools that the practice of theater facilitates: the connection with the body and mind as a vital portal to access our presence and fluidity in the moment, the use of the voice, attention to the breath, touch and movement, and storytelling.

All of these are necessary experiences to remember and deepen what it means to be alive, to reclaim joy as essential to our existence, and to become artists of our own life. I speak of joy as a deep state that does not depend on external circumstances, but a state of well-being and inner strength when we connect with our own nature.

These theatrical practices open the way for healing physical and emotional development, allowing us to unleash our creativity and expression. They also allow us to respond to the circumstances around us from a more grounded and potent place.

Our reality today is one of uncertainty, alarm and injustice. Theater is a living art, reflecting the concerns of the here and now; it can imagine solutions and better ways of doing things. It is also a tool for communication, of spreading ideas, knowledge and stories.

Theater reminds us of the importance of empathy, compassion and solidarity in building the future we all deserve.

Know your Rights/Conoce Tus Derechos is a street theater play that has just begun its journey. We have brought our youth together so that through the play, while creating support networks among themselves and the community, they can share with everyone basic tips on how to protect ourselves, our families and our community in the event of coming into contact with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

We want to make sure everyone knows we have rights, such as the right to remain silent, to have an attorney present and the right to have translation services. The play also reminds us to have a structured family plan.

The process of creation includes music, movement, and a poetic tone that surrounds the work, and the work continues to grow!

As Teatro del Pueblo moves forward, we recognize the need to inhabit shared public spaces that are truly public for all, where we can do these theatrical practices while creating community through art.

When we center art, creativity, imagination and inspiration as an integral part of society, nothing seems impossible.

If you would like to join us as a participant, drop us a line, or come to the Sanctuary Garden, corner of 11th and F streets Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. If you prefer to be our audience visit [cdpueblo.com](#) and our social networks [@centrodelpueblo](#) to learn more about our upcoming performances and new projects.

Laura Muñoz is a dance and theater maker, somatics practitioner, and educator. She is also a community organizer and arts instigator. She is Playhouse Arts’ enlace comunitaria and Centro del Pueblo’s arts and culture coordinator.

Read the Spanish-language version of this column at [madriverrunion.com](#).



Gaza Sunbirds ride Sunday

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE
ARCATA – Gaza Sunbirds “Great Ride of Return” Solidarity Bicycle Ride begins at the Arcata Plaza Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m.

Please take part in the global Palestine solidarity bicycle ride hosted by Gaza Sunbirds, Palestine’s internationally renowned professional para-cyclist team, taking place around the world Sunday.

The day before the Gaza Sunbirds bike ride the co-founders of Gaza Sunbirds, Karim Ali and Alaa Al-Dali, will be speaking at Cal Poly Humboldt during the Humboldt Radical Social Forum by video link Saturday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m. on the third floor of the library.

Meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30 at the Arcata Plaza and bicycle to the Arcata Marsh, bicycle path, and around town with a short rally after back at the Arcata Plaza in support of

Palestine and the Gaza Sunbirds bicycle team and humanitarian organization.

We are joining with cities around the world participating in the Great Ride of Return including Johannesburg South Africa, Pisa Italy and Mexico City Mexico.

Gaza Sunbirds Co-founder Alaa Al Dali called on the international community to join in solidarity on Sunday, March 30on Instagram. See his post here at [instagram.com/p/DG-JAJtbOlhr](#).

Al Jazeera describes Gaza Sunbirds as “a para-cycling team made up of athletes who lost their limbs at the 2018 protests and in other Israeli attacks.”

See their article at [aljaazeera.com/sports/2024/9/1/gaza-sunbirds-para-cycling-team-alaa-al-daly-paris-paralympic-games-2024](#)”

For more information, visit [redwoodpeaceandjustice.com](#).

POETRY READING IN ARCAT

The next A Reason to Listen, Humboldt’s longest-running live poetry event, is happening Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Septentrio’s Barrel Room, 935 I St. in Arcata. This month’s feature will be poet and musician Bruce Taylor. Sign-ups for the open mike section of the evening begin at 6:30 p.m. Live art by the inimitable Dre Meza. The cover is a sliding \$5-10 at the door: cash or Venmo.

BEWARE THE WEED AND/OR BLOW YOUR MIND

An Anti-Marijuana Propaganda Film Party takes place Sunday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Savage Henry, 415 Fifth St. in Eureka. Admission is \$15 and includes a free raffle ticket. Host Woolly Bully Bill guides you through a jam-packed program of 1950s and 1960s anti-drug films. The evening climaxes with an after party featuring three wild bands.

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This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/STEVE GAYLORD DAVIS, MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.), OWNER, WELLNESS EXPERT, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, SINGER, SONGWRITER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on March 10, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00102

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

SOLUTIONS ECO STORE
858 G ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
SERENA N. WICKSTROM
858 G ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/SERENA WICKSTROM, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on March 19, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00133

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

NIKOH'S HANDY
323 THIRD ST. APT. H
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
NIKOHLI S. BANJAH
323 THIRD ST. APT. H
EUREKA, CA 95501

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/NIKOHLI BANJAH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on March 12, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00131

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HUMBOLDT HABERDASHERY
1000 7TH ST. SPC.17
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
AMY E. HENG
1000 7TH ST. SPC.17
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/AMY HENG, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on March 11, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00105

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

REDWOOD EMPIRE
3990 BROADWAY ROAD
EUREKA, CA 95503

P.O.BOX 1300
MORGAN HILL, CA 95038
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PACIFIC STATES INDUSTRIES
INCORPORATED
CA C0886596
18625 SUTTER BLVD.
SUITE 900
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

This business is conducted by:

A CORPORATION
S/THOMAS TUTTLE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 20, 2025

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3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00114

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

WEST COAST WELDING AND FABRICATION
1734 LINDA WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
JUSTIN L. FRANKLIN
1734 LINDA WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/JUSTIN FRANKLIN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 26, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK
3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00112

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DHRIP ACCESSORIES
473 QUARRY RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 97
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DANIELLE E. HURLEY
P.O. BOX 97
TRINIDAD, CA 95570

This business is conducted by:

AN INDIVIDUAL
S/DANIELLE HURLEY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 25, 2025

JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00109

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HEALTHY DHARMA
3186 CENTRAL AVENUE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DANIEL E. CHIRINOS
3186 CENTRAL AVENUE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by:

A MARRIED COUPLE
S/DANIEL CHIRINOS, OWNER

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3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

J0-ANN IDACAVAGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2500337

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **J0-ANN IDACAVAGE**
To Proposed name: **J0-ANN CAVAGE**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the

petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: APRIL 25, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: FEB. 20, 2025
Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court

3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

MONICA RAE SHELL

CASE NO.: PR2500075

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

MONICA RAE SHELL
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JON SHELL PRINCE in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JON SHELL PRINCE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: APRIL 3, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

NEAL G. LATT, SBN 294409
LATT LAW GROUP, APC
350 E ST. SUITE 308
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 908-9088
3/19, 3/26, 4/2

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER:-

25CL003 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

JAVIER GUERRERO, DAVID BUSHNELL, RANDY HOISINGTON, DAWNITA HOISINGTON and DOES 1 through 30.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): ANITA HILDERBRAND

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. El nombre



JEFF BLACK poses next to one of the offer statues created by local artists and auctioned off to raise funds for wildlife research. Below, offers.

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Learn about river offers

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH
ARCATA MARSH – On Wednesday, April 2 join Jeff Black and his river otter team for a free presentation titled “North Coast Otters: From Wildlife Art to Wildlife Science.” Their one-hour talk is part of the First Wednesday Lecture Series sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM). The event will be held at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center starting at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A session, and carried live on Zoom at humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/88248246788?pwd=Au-QSIOmC4Zwkq4hzWet-lzTySkjKujY.1#success. Dr. Black and current Cal Poly Humboldt wildlife master’s candidates will describe details of their fieldwork to determine overall river otter numbers in Humboldt Bay, as well as insights into river otter behavior (hunting, movements, and play) at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary and adjacent habitats. The river otter team includes Gina, Whitney, Tylor, Lily and Charlotte. Black has been teaching at Humboldt and learning from local wildlife since 1998. His research interests include conservation and management of waterfowl and wetland-dependent species and evolution of social behavior and mating systems. His research approach combines theory, experimentation, and long-term field studies, which often includes citizen science volunteers.



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2nd Edition of Hiking Humboldt Volume 2 now available

BACKCOUNTRY PRESS
HUMBOLDT — Backcountry Press is proud to announce the release of the second edition of *Hiking Humboldt Volume 2*, the much-anticipated update to Rees Hughes’ beloved hiking guide. Featuring over 100 trails spanning Humboldt County, this expanded and revised edition is an essential companion for hikers, nature lovers and outdoor adventurers exploring the breathtaking landscapes of the area. With Humboldt County’s unparalleled diversity of rugged coastlines, towering redwoods, pristine rivers and remote wilderness, this guidebook serves as an indispensable resource for discovering new trails and revisiting old favorites. Whether you’re seeking easy walks through coastal dunes, challenging backcountry treks, or scenic day hikes with panoramic views, *Hiking Humboldt Volume 2* offers something for everyone. Author Rees Hughes, an avid hiker and trail enthusiast, has spent decades exploring Humboldt County’s rich landscapes. His deep knowledge and passion for the region shine through in this meticulously curated guide, offering readers not just routes, but immersive experiences in the natural world. Hughes’ work reflects an appreciation for the region’s wild beauty and a dedication to sharing its wonders with both locals and visitors alike. In addition to his writing, Rees leads trail-working crews through the Volunteer Trail Steward program. Join him in Arcata on the fourth Saturday of every month or at any of ten other locations (see humtrails.org for details). Those interested in joining the Arcata crew can contact Rees at hughes@humboldt.edu for more details. “Hiking offers us an intimate connection with a place, and Humboldt County is filled with stories waiting to be discovered one step at a time,” says Rees Hughes, reflecting on the second edition of his guide. “This book is an invitation to explore, appreciate, and protect these incredible landscapes.” Allison Poklemba, co-founder of Backcountry Press, adds “Rees



TRAIL ENTHUSIASTS Rees Hughes and Amy Uyeki at Lacks Creek.

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has a remarkable ability to capture the essence of place through the rhythm of the trail. This book isn’t just about hiking – it’s about experiencing Humboldt’s landscapes in a way that deepens our connection with the natural world.” *Hiking Humboldt Volume 2* (Second Edition) is now available for purchase through Backcountry Press and most local book retailers. Don’t miss the chance to embark on new adventures and explore Humboldt County’s trails like never before! backcountrypress.com



SATURDAY STEWARDING
VTS WORKDAY Some 19 Volunteer Trail Stewards braved the elements last Saturday, March 22 to remove invasive English ivy from the northern end of the Arcata Ridge Trail and clean bridges on the South Fork Janes Creek Loop trail. Join VTA the fourth Saturday of each month. Contact Rees at hughes@humboldt.edu to join the mailing list.

LEFT PHOTO BY NOAH RAMSEY; UPPER RIGHT PHOTOS BY REES HUGHES | VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS



SOHUM BIRD TOUR Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a Southern Humboldt birding walk on Saturday, March 28. This walk includes 2 to 3 miles of gentle walking through riparian, grassland and mixed hardwood forests with bird species varying by season. Year-round residents we may observe include jays, towhees, woodpeckers and several raptor species. Meet at the Tooby Park parking lot located one mile west of Garberville on Sprowl Creek Road. Contact Tess McGuire if you plan to attend at tmcguire9130@gmail.com

BRING YOUR BINOCULARS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Rob Fowler at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake, née the Arcata Small Boat Harbor) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

Lead poisoning claims life of Nor Cal condor

YUOK TRIBE
REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK – In January, Northern California Condor Restoration Program (NCCRP) condor B7, Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’ (I am friend or kind or good natured) was found dead in the remote backcountry of Redwood National Park. His passing marks the first loss of a condor from the Northern California population under the NCCRP. At roughly 18 months of age, he was the youngest condor in the flock and had been in the wild for just over three months. The NCCRP delayed a formal announcement until the official cause of death was determined. The results from a pathology examination indicate the cause of death to be lead poisoning. Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’ was found to have a lead air gun pellet in his ventriculus, or gizzard, and high to very high concentrations of lead in his liver and bone. The source of the pellet is unknown. “The loss of Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’ was a huge blow to us. Death is part of work with wild animals, but his was hard as our first loss” said Program Manager and Yurok Tribe Senior Biologist Chris West. “Thankfully, we have 17 other amazing birds in our flock carrying our hopes, dreams, and prayers.” “A natural death would have been less painful for us, the humans watching as he started to flourish in the wild. Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’ was known for his friendliness, preening and huddling together with other condors, sharing food easily. He had only been flying free for a few months. That he was brought down by something human caused and preventable is devastating,”



VICTIM OF LEAD PELLET Condor B7, Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’.

PHOTO COURTESY YUOK TRIBE

said Yurok Tribe Wildlife Department Director Tiana Williams-Claussen. Lead is the single biggest threat to condors in the wild and is responsible for nearly half of released condor mortalities where the cause of death is determined. Almost all poisonings are linked to carrion from lead-shot game, livestock, and vermin. A tiny lead bullet fragment is enough to kill not only a condor but also vultures and eagles, should they scavenge on remains of an animal killed with lead ammunition. These important scavengers remove carcasses from the landscape and are critical in reducing the spread of disease in many game species. Pey-noh-pey-o-wok’ was one of 18 free-flying condors released by the Northern California Condor Restoration Program (NCCRP) over the last several years. In 2022, the NCCRP released the first condors to fly over ancestral Yurok territory in more than a century. The program plans to release the next condor cohort later this year. To learn more about the Yurok Tribe’s condor restoration work visit yuroktribe.org/yurok-condor-restoration-program. The California Condor Recovery Program is a multi-entity effort, led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working to establish self-sustaining condor populations within the historical range. The program includes addressing threats to the species in the wild; captive breeding; and reintroduction at field sites, like the Northern California Condor Restoration Program. In addition, the program raises awareness about condors and how the public can help support them through individual actions, like making the switch to lead-free ammunition.

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